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DEMONSTRATING HOW to angle for a big catch, Kirston Koths casts his line with an antique rod.

Members immerse in the science, joy of their art

It takes skill and science to trick a trout, and these avid anglers revel in their pastime

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — Kirston Koths got hooked on it while fishing the streams of New England as a teen-ager. John Davis' dad showed him how to do it when he was 12 years old.

"The first cast he did, he caught a fish, and I was hooked," Koths says. Davis, an Albany resident, thought it was amazing.

Both men are part of the Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers, a nonprofit group of about 40 members who get together about once a month to talk about the finer points of fly fishing and maybe eat a meal. They are taken a few times a year to the mountains, the scenery of the

FLY-FISHING

WHAT: The Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers

WHEN: The group meets monthly and takes occasional fishing trips

WHERE: Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

HOW MUCH: Dues are \$35 for the whole family

INFORMATION: Call 510-524-0428. More information about fly fishing can be found on the national Federation of Fly Fishers Web site www.fedflyfishers.org.

mountains, the streams and lakes and — oh yeah — the actual fishing itself.

With fly fishing, casting the line into the water and catching fish is not necessarily the first goal. It's similar to reel fishing but with a couple of crucial differences. For one, the motion of the rod is what casts the line, rather than the weight of the bait or lure, as is typical with reel



KIRSTON KOTHS ties a fly in his El Cerrito home. Koths and friends in the Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers make several trips a year to match wits with hungry fish.

fishing.

And fly fishers use fake bait, or "flies" intended to take on the look of a fish's gourmet meal — insects.

"Sometimes I fish with a fly

that doesn't have a hook on it, just to see if I can entice the fish to strike," said Davis. "The real excitement is to see water mov-

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Haven for young abuse victims faces closure

Note: Last week's edition, omitted the last half of this story. It appears here in its entirety.

By Kara Shire
STAFF WRITER

She's an 11-year-old abuse victim with shoulder-length black

braids, a mouth full of braces and a heady dream of supermodel stardom.

Life for this girl, whose name is being withheld for security reasons, and five other children she has lived with at a group home

in Crockett has, for the most part, been tragic.

All have been severely and repeatedly abused, all have been labeled seriously emotionally dis-

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Albany votes for fields at bulb

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Artists would be out, and baseball fields would be in, but the Albany bulb — a land-fill on the Albany waterfront — would remain a semi-wild area if wishes by the City Council come true.

The council decided at its Monday meeting to forbid artists from working on the bulb, angering many in the audience who said they wanted to keep the area — with artists and off-leash dogs — as is.

"The shore area is one of the few accessible wildlife areas left," said Elizabeth Baker, a former council and waterfront commission member. "I think a responsible dog owner is an asset to any eastshore park."

The California Department of Parks and Recreation, the East Bay Regional Park District and the California State Coastal Conservancy are working on a plan to develop the East Shore State Park for residents and wildlife, an 8.5-mile stretch of land from the Bay Bridge in Oakland to Marina Bay in Richmond. A plan for the park is scheduled for a vote by the State Parks Commission in November.

At its Monday meeting, the council gave final recommendations for what it would like to see at the bulb, which is slated to become a part of the park.

The council reiterated its support for ball fields on the plateau near the bulb. Residents argued that the plateau and its wildlife should be left alone and that the ball fields should be placed in residential areas.

Councilman Allan Maris pointed out to audience members that the city was asking for only three to five ball fields, when 10 to 15 are needed. "Would you give up your house?" asked

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Race track plan would include hotels

STAFF REPORT

ALBANY — The face of Golden Gate Fields could change dramatically to include hotels, a conference center, restaurants and retail space under a plan submitted to the city by track officials this week.

Magna Entertainment Corp., which owns and operates the track, proposed the integrated commercial and entertainment complex dubbed Rancho San Antonio, for Fleming Point, which is adjacent to the track entrance, and the North Basin Strip in Berkeley, Albany officials said.

The conceptual plan outlines plans to replace the existing horse stalls on parcels within Berkeley with a hotel, restaurant and parking facilities. Albany officials said there is no indication where new stables would be constructed.

In Albany, Magna wants to build 300,000 square feet of commercial, retail and entertainment facilities; a 300,000-square-foot event center capable of holding 10,000 people; and expand its racetrack simulcast facilities by 100,000 square feet. A parking structure also is proposed. Those buildings would be placed west of the grandstand and are proposed to not exceed its height, city officials said. A proposed alternative includes a hotel in Albany.

Submittal of the proposal triggers a two- to three-year review process with officials and planners from both cities. City officials said Magna expects to hold public workshops to refine and define plan specifics. Albany will act as lead agency on the environmental review and evaluate the project for conformity to city zoning and Measure C, approved by city voters to govern waterfront development.

Albany outlines concerns on UC Village proposal

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Plans to replace 26 acres of housing at University Village with 200 to 400 more units than what is there now, plus office and retail space, are creeping along.

The City Council approved a list of issues Monday it feels should be addressed by UC Berkeley while the university searches for a project developer. The list includes everything from design elements to who should participate in the planning process.

The university is currently looking for a developer for the project, the site of which is bounded by Buchanan Street on the north, San Pablo Avenue on

the east, Codornices Creek on the south and Jackson Street on the west, and asked for the list from the Council to give it to developers for consideration.

The Council's list includes: taking advantage of the creeks as a design amenity; allowing the city manager to have a vote in the decision-making of the development's task force; having the university pay for the cost of any service improvements that need to be made due to the project, such as lighting or street trees; making sure city services are not affected financially by the project; providing new sports fields since the existing fields will

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Firefighter from Albany dies while on call in Dublin

By Sam Richards
STAFF WRITER

Alameda County firefighter Sekou Turner, 28, of Albany, died early Wednesday morning while on a medical call, having collapsed after helping load a patient into an ambulance in front of a home in Dublin.

Turner, who became a full-time firefighter July 1, 2001, was pronounced dead about 5:12 a.m. Wednesday at San Ramon Regional Medical Center — about three hours after firefighters at county Station 16 responded to a medical call.

Fire department spokesman Capt. Dave Wheeler said that after paramedics worked to treat a



Sekou Turner

man in his 60s, Turner helped hoist the patient into the ambulance. Turner was standing outside on the driveway, helping guide the ambulance driver back onto the street, when he collapsed into nearby bushes. The reason for his collapse was unknown.

Fellow paramedic firefighters began advanced life support immediately, Wheeler said, before Turner was taken to the San Ra-

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should live a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

A day to remember

EACH YEAR WE TRY to come up with some new way to say that Memorial Day is so much more important than just another Monday holiday — even more important than the Indianapolis 500 or Jack Nicklaus' golf tournament.

Although this was a holiday born out of the Civil War, it has become the day we set aside to remember our armed services dead in all wars.

This year it somehow seems even more necessary.

The farther away we get from Sept. 11 and the nearer we get to the one-year anniversary of the horrible events that occurred on that day in 2001, the more we think about the people who lost their lives that day simply by going to work.

This Memorial Day we should expand our reach and include those people in our thoughts and prayers because in a very real sense they are casualties of war.

But we also cannot forget that those other Americans who have lost their lives — the men and women in the military — also, on the day they died, were simply going to work.

Today the members of the armed services are protecting us as they prosecute the valiant worldwide fight against terrorism.

Granted, their work is ostensibly a bit more dangerous at the outset, but their families and friends should know that we appreciate what they have done, and are doing, for us.

Memorial Day is a chance for families to gather and spend a three-day weekend together. It is a time for reunions and picnics.

All of that is great, but it is also supposed to be a time for reflection and consideration of what others have done to keep us free.

We should never forget those things, but we should especially not forget them this year.

The battle of the bulb

In the end, the cities were just as divided as the public on the fate of that jutting stretch of landfill unofficially known as the Albany bulb, slated to become part of the Eastshore State Park.

Berkeley sided with those calling for nothing. That is, they'd like to see the area remain exactly the same as it is: A post-industrial mix of brush-covered asphalt and concrete, where occasional pieces of rebar pose menacing, pointed threats. Dogs roam free. Renegade painters do their thing at dawn, turning driftwood into colorful — if sometimes R-rated — works of art. It would likely be Mad Max's favorite beach.

Albany took a preservationist approach. The old dumpsite is more than just that, and a little care could restore much of it to a natural state. Limit access to walkers and on-leash dogs only. Eliminate the off-site paint, glass, cement and other props brought in by the artists. No roads or parking lots. Man has already infringed and left more than a mark on this area; it's time to give it a rest.

Both sides have their noble aspects. As it is, the bulb presents a unique experience; it's already a bit of a cult tourist attraction. Such urban art in a natural environment offers a weird bit of irony to those who dare hike the formidable terrain. Even its history (a bit of the Bay reclaimed through landfill and dumping) perhaps lends itself to a more gritty kind of park than areas created by Mother Nature. This being said, it doesn't really jibe with giving said Mother her deserved respect. And while the appeal is certainly unique, its scope is fairly limited to a small part of the populace.

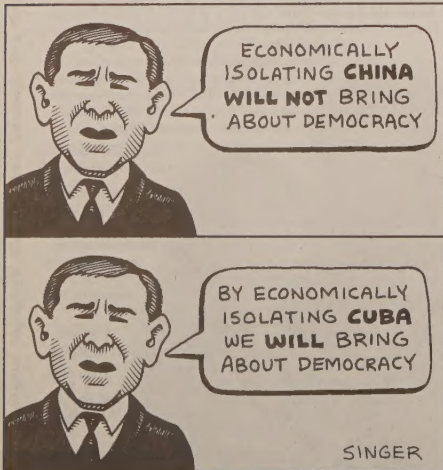
All this presents the state Parks and Recreation Commission with quite a challenge. The cities have spoken, but it is up to the commission to come up with a final plan for the area. It would be ideal to see something that could keep the best of both worlds, an opportunity for artists — all artists — to try their hands at creating public art, but perhaps enforce a degree of environmental concern.

Craft only with materials found at the bulb? Limit the art to the more inland areas? Curb creativity when it goes beyond family standards? Sure, any self-respecting artist hates rules and regulations, but now it's time to share. Perhaps there is a way that free art can blossom along with nature. The state commission should make an effort to explore all the options.

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No man's land

The problems in the Middle East have their origins in a history of land-takings over the centuries, which have created animosities. A basic problem is the viewing of sites as private property, which wasn't always the case.

According to Chief Joseph: "All men are made by the same Great Spirit Chief. They are all brothers. The earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon it."

Chief Joseph was the leader of the Nez Perce Indians, who lived in eastern Oregon's Wallowa Valley. They were driven from their long-held lands by the U.S. Army in the late 1800s. Some 100 years later, 7,000 persons live in the entire northeast corner of the state. In small measure, this is the kind of thing that's occurred in the Middle East.

Joseph correctly noted that no man created the Earth. Its land accrues value because it is needed for men to carry out the labors that feed us, create goods and provide services. As the number of humans increases, the demand for the limited supply of usable land drives up its value.

If one person occupies a site, none other can. Since the occupier didn't create the site or its value, it makes sense that there should be a fee paid for its exclusive use. That fee would be the rental value of the site. Fees so collected as a tax could be used for society's purposes, a logical conclusion since it was the society that created the land value and not the occupier.

If those in the Middle East would adopt the principles outlined above, all persons, whether Jew or Palestinian, would be treated equitably and the motive for conflict would vanish.

It is the desire to reject the other guy's basic right to occupy and use land that is at the core of the problem.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Prop. 187 passed!

Will wonders never cease? After reading your fine paper for more than 20 years, I find myself agreeing with not one, but two, Berkeley readers whose letters ran on April 26!

Readers K. R. Hammond and Brenda Walker are quite correct in their concerns about illegal immigration. Proposition 187 passed by a large margin and our politicians still don't get it.

Immigration is clogging our health and education systems and that's a fact. It's about borders and culture, folks — ours! Jeff Kintner
Albany

School memories

I am the youngest of three Harry Ells High graduates, class of '64.

JFK was killed the previous November and our yearbook was dedicated to him. We won many awards that year for our school, and though we couldn't vote, we were for keeping our school open, as well as supporting a bond issue that would build a new high school named after Kennedy.

We were betrayed!
Harry Ells was made into a middle

school and then a continuation high school. Then the school board decided, over many protests, to close, not renovate, the school. Our colors, red and white, and our Eagles, were given to the then-new Kennedy High.

When Harry Ells reopened as a high school, it was assigned the lavender and white Falcons. Who ever heard of a lavender falcon?

I wasn't even invited to the 35th reunion. I went to my friend's 40th for Santa Clara High. It seems other cities know how to do things right. That's why I'm now a Berkeley resident.

Still, my years at Harry Ells and the now destroyed mural in the cafeteria there did further me on the path to my happy future.

Edith Monk Hallberg
Berkeley

Where's the chief?

Police Chief Joseph Samuels, where are you? He came into Richmond, made a few proclamations about new policy and new programs, then went into his office, probably hung up a few pictures, closed the door, never to be heard from again.

It appears his interests are directed to the international scene of police work rather than improving the morale of "his" police force and addressing himself to the problems of Richmond.

I helped run a family business in Richmond and have been active with several community organizations for more than 30 years. I have noticed that all the good police chiefs were active in the community and made themselves available to various groups and organizations.

Involvement is an important characteristic of any public servant because the respect and confidence of your peers has to be earned. Get involved, Chief Samuels, and stop sending your underlings out to do something you should do.

Erle Brown
El Cerrito

Enough labels

To all those nonprofits out there sending me unsolicited address labels in the mail, please stop!

About 95 percent of you have my name or names wrong and I shred them. The other 5 percent will probably last until the year 3052, if I don't receive anymore.

Graham Henry
Berkeley

Thanks to many

Anyone who attended the April 26 bluegrass concert at Albany High School can attest to what a magical evening of

music it was. Heartfelt thanks to the musicians, all of whom donated their time. Bill Evans and the Bluegrass Intention. Laurie Lewis, Nina Gerber and Tom Rosam, and The David Grisman Bluegrass Experience.

Special thanks also to Paul Knight, an amazingly talented sound man who made the music sound absolutely wonderful, the gym, and to Larry Kelp, who did a tremendous job as master of ceremonies.

The event would not have happened without the unbelievably hard work of a core group of Albany High parents: Nancy Ulmer, Marianne Callum, Teri Lew, Diane Louie, Ellen Hecht, Jennifer Paige and Liz Taylor. They killed themselves putting this event together and they all insist they had fun doing it.

Special thanks also to Noah Jacob, Diane Reiner, Susan Zarchy, Mike McGarrin Hecht, and the many other parents and kids who helped. We should say the event would not have happened without Tom Lilienthal, who conceived this concert plan and convinced us that it could be done. We also could have done it without SchoolCARE's encouragement and assistance.

The good news is that the concert raised thousands of dollars for the music program in the Albany schools. We still have a ways to go to raise enough money to restore the program for a year. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation for the music program, you can send a check to the Albany Music Fund, 1164 Solano Ave., Suite 180, Albany, CA 94706.

We'll be scheduling more benefit concerts for the music program. Watch our publicity. It is wonderful to know kids can count on the support of our community.

Dolores ...
Albany

Dalton is with the Albany Music Fund

BART pricing tips

Charging for parking wouldn't really ridership unless the price is set so low that the lots never fill up. Otherwise, we have just as many paying passengers today, probably more.

With parking free, most lots fill up early. After that, no more riders. By displacing early parkers would pressure of their spaces during the day.

Many parkers living within walking distance would walk if forced to pay. Those willing to pay would replace the same for bicyclists. Some would come or ride transit to the station rather than pay. In these cases, paid parking increases ridership and revenues.

There's no reason parking should be the same at all stations or at all times. What an entrepreneur would do is price to make best use of the facilities. You might be able to charge more spaces close to the station entrance, only for cars arriving before 10 a.m.

If demand for parking at any station is so low that spaces remain vacant, BART would be better off by paving up the pavement and replacing with revenue-generating activity.

BART's 42,000 parking spaces generate \$100,000 per day. That revenue should not be thrown away.

Robert ...
Berkeley

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Coach helps children excel on and off court

By Mary Reiley
STAFF WRITER

Jerry Owens Murrey of El Cerrito and his Reach Your Goal basketball program teammates have much time for things other than basketball, hanging out with friends or just relaxing at home.

The 11-player team started last year with players from El Cerrito and East Bay high schools. This year, it is part of the El Cerrito Youth Basketball League.

As a result of players' and coaches' wishes for a more all-around program, Reach Your Goal includes service requirements as well as extra reading assignments and journaling for

players at Salesian High School in Richmond. Jerry Owens Murrey, a senior at Salesian, is a community service volunteer with his teammates, and one of whom attend what is considered a rival school.

"I build a great team," Jerry said. "I feel like I'm brothers now."

Most of the kids were not used to the extra reading and journaling, said team parent Jerry Basley of Newark, but they were accustomed to it now.

The community service project includes reading and playing basketball camps at the El Cerrito YMCA in Richmond where their own team practices on Wednesday nights.

The kids really were not used to the athletic experience at the high schools that training their athletic, academic and social development, said Paula Gerstenblatt, one of the parents who found the team.

Gene Ransom of El Cerrito, a 2001 inductee into the El Cerrito Hall of Fame, had the idea of a more well-rounded high school program that coached freshman

School, his alma mater. It never got off the ground there, but it is a hit with the traveling team members and parents alike.

"I love it," said Pam Williams of Oakland. "The things we say to our kids, the coach tells them, too. It's made a big difference."

Her son, Marcel, is a senior at St. Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda and has won a full four-year academic scholarship to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.

Part of the parents' commitment is driving the players to tournaments. They've played in Menlo Park and Redwood City and will play this summer in Reno and Las Vegas.

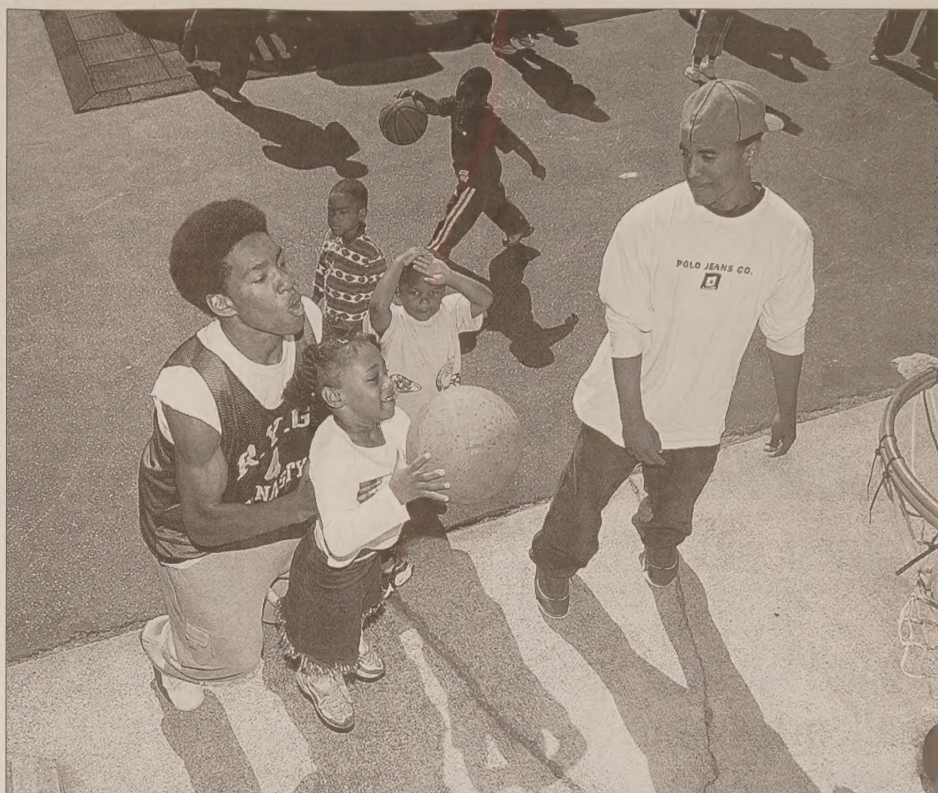
To raise money for their road trips, the team will play in an exhibition game against Richmond firefighters at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The game will be at the Coronado YMCA, 263 S. 20th St. in Richmond. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. A half-court shooting contest will be included, and food and a prize drawing will be available.

For more information about the game or the team, call 510-741-1272.

"We wanted to create a model that could be replicated in any high school of what we thought should be happening," Gerstenblatt said.

As she sees it, the parents are working to provide the players with the kinds of experience the schools should be providing, she said.

The team started because a couple of the kids commiserated with Gerstenblatt's son, Jonathan Davis, about their negative experiences playing at local high schools. Knowing that Ransom does personal training, has a basketball consulting business and runs basketball camps, they asked him if it would be possible to get their own team. He agreed to be their coach and started calling players and their parents from various schools to form



EDDIE LEDESMA/TIMES

JERRYCK OWENS MURREY, left, a junior at Salesian High School in Richmond, and **El Cerrito High School junior Jonathan Davis** play basketball with children in the Berkeley Albany YMCA Head Start program on Tuesday. Interacting with the kids is part of the young men's commitment to community service through the Reach Your Goal basketball program.

the team.

Jonathan and the others like the team they have and the philosophy behind it.

"It's good to play with other people you would not be able to play with in high school," he said.

He also likes working with the children at Head Start.

"It's fun seeing how you were when you were a kid and trying to be a positive influence in their lives," he said.

Even though he is not even close to 6 feet tall, Ransom had an outstanding four years playing basketball and baseball at Berkeley High School, and he earned a place in the UC Berkeley Hall of Fame for his basketball performance there as a point guard from 1976-78.

He holds the record at Cal for the most minutes played in a game (on Feb. 10, 1977, he played 63½ minutes in a five-overtime win over University of Oregon), is 14th in line as a leading career basketball scorer there and fifth in career assists.

Ransom, who left Cal in 1978 before graduating, expects to receive a bachelor of arts degree June 1 from New College of California in San Francisco. This is an example that can't be missed by his players, a testimony to his belief that developing as a whole person is the most important thing.

"A lot of coaches have expectations of their players only in basketball," he said. "I call it

exploitation."

In his speech upon induction into the Cal Hall of Fame, Ransom warned that "the worst of the college system has trickled down to the high school."

He called parents and everyone concerned for the future of student athletes to greater vigilance against exploitation and care for their sons' full development as people.

Ransom teaches the players in his care to be role models, to be on time and respectful of

themselves, their families and others.

"I don't consider myself a coach, but a teacher, a big brother, a friend," Ransom said. "I want to teach them they are more than basketball players."

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Stop and smell the roses

CAROL BEVILACQUA of Berkeley examines a tea rose on display at the El Cerrito Celebration of Old Roses at the El Cerrito Community Center last Sunday.

Solano Avenue festival will lure chalk artists and chocolate-lovers

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Don't be fooled by the chocolate salami at A.G. Ferrari Foods, the Italian grocery store at 1843 Solano Ave.

Not a hunk of meat, it's actually a traditional Italian confection filled with chocolate, heavy cream and cookie bits, said Kim O'Neill, the manager of the store. And it will be among the treats highlighted at the Chalk and Chocolate Festival this weekend in Berkeley and Albany.

Solano Avenue will be overflowing with chocolate on Saturday and Sunday for the annual festival, which will include chalk artwork on the sidewalks and more. About 20 businesses — from Montero's Cafe to Boran Thai Restaurant — will be offering myriad chocolate treats, from about \$1.50 to \$3.50.

The desserts will include Mexican chocolate flan at Montero's Cafe at 1106 Solano Ave.; chocolate cream pie from Walker's Pie Shop at 1491 Solano Ave.; red velvet chocolate cake from the Berkeley Bakery at 1561 Solano

FESTIVAL

WHAT: Chocolate & Chalk Art Festival

WHERE: Solano Avenue in Berkeley and Albany

WHEN: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday and Monday

CALL: 510-527-5358

Avenue; chocolate popcorn from Torme Chocolates at 1580 Solano Ave.; a chocolate drenched fried banana from Boran Thai Restaurant at 1892 Solano Ave.; and Good Doggie Carob Drops — a chocolate substitute for dogs — from the Solano Pet Shop on 1575 Solano Ave.

In addition to the chocolate, professional and amateur artists will be creating chalk art on the sidewalks of Solano on Saturday. Artists can register at Peralta Park, 1561 Solano Ave. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists' chalk and a Polaroid of their finished work are available for a fee.

The event is being organized

by the Solano Avenue association. The director, Lisa Bullwinkel, was looking for a spring event to draw visitors there seven years ago. She started with a book sale and chalk art show, which evolved into the chocolate fest, in part just because the two words sounded good together, Bullwinkel said.

"I was looking for a spring event for Solano Avenue and it looked like a good one to bring art to the street," she added.

The festival will include a dog fashion show on Sunday, May 26 at Solano Avenue and Key Route Boulevard in Albany at 2 p.m. All animals must register at 510-236-0588. On the same day, Berkeley Animal Care Services will hold pet adoptions in Peralta Park from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Also on Saturday, Professor Gizmo, a one-man band, will entertain at Peralta Park from 2 to 4 p.m. The Berkeley Police Department will also set up a fingerprinting service for children there for part of the day. For details, call 510-527-5358 or go online at www.solanoave.org.

Club honors outstanding officers

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo said officer John Sandoval's years of experience and broad world view make him an excellent police officer. El Cerrito Police Chief Scott Kirkland said detective Robert De La Campa is a "calming presence" and a great asset to the department.

"He's a very conscientious person, a very diligent person, he's a great model for the newer officers to aspire to," said Kirkland.

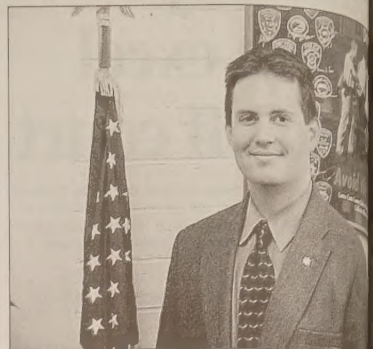
De La Campa and Sandoval were among those who received Officer of the Year awards at the annual Albany-El Cerrito Exchange Club award dinner on Wednesday.

The other winners included Highway Patrol officer Steven Porter, Berkeley policeman Robert Westerhoff, BART policeman Michael Davis and Detective Patrick Cerruti, of the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department.

The Exchange Club has been giving out awards to officers in the area for about 20 years.

"It's just something we do in honor of our policemen," said L.C. McCune, the Exchange Club member in charge of the awards dinner. "We give them some recognition, good recognition. We believe in the police force and what they do."

As a teen-ager, De La Campa enrolled in police explorers, a teen-training course, and found he enjoyed the work. He earned an associate degree in administration of justice, then graduated from the Police Academy in Santa Rosa. After that, he joined the Burlingame Police Force and then the Pinole Police Department in 1993.



COURTESY EL CERRITO POLICE

EL CERRITO Police Detective Robert De La Campa was one of the Exchange Club's officers of the year.

He left the Pinole police force while it was going through a budget crisis and joined the El Cerrito force in 1997. He was promoted to detective in 1999, investigating car and residential thefts for two years, then credit card and check fraud.

He will be promoted to corporal, an officer trainer and part-time supervisor, this week.

"After medical doctor, it's probably one of the most important careers," said De La Campa, explaining his reason for joining the police force. "I wanted to do something important."

Sandoval, a San Leandro native, joined the force to contribute to the community and give his two children a good role model. He graduated from the police academy in 1996 and was a jailer and police officer in Alameda before joining the Albany police department in 1997 because he liked the small-town ambience.

"It's just a great job. Having done it now, I can't think of any-

thing else I'd rather do," Sandoval said. "There's nothing more to it. Of course there are stretches where nothing happens, but there's the potential for interesting people. It's guys, but you meet people more so than in other jobs, office type jobs."

The recipients are the individual department officers, the officer's partner, those they feel are award and then voted in El Cerrito, the award is chosen by a sergeant.

"(The dinner) is a community event and a experience for all those as well as all those who the honor," Kirkland said.

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Taste of Albany: The perfect cure for the out-of-town festival

By James Carter

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New grads finding tough job market

By Carrie Sturrock

STAFF WRITER

Just two years ago, graduating from college didn't seem so scary.

Back then, the job market snapped up graduates. Many had a seamless transition from the security of college into a world of satisfying work and wages.

Laurie Medeiros certainly expected that would be the case when she started at St. Mary's College in Moraga four years ago.

"We thought after four years we would be hired by a company," she said, her graduation less than two weeks away. "I'm currently looking for a job. Jobs aren't coming to me."

College seniors will never forget this year, with the historical marker of Sept. 11 and the economic slowdown that has changed their immediate options and decisions for life after school. UC Berkeley holds commencement today, followed by other Bay Area colleges and universities in the coming weeks.

The number of applications has soared for graduate schools, fellowships and service-oriented jobs like Teach for America and the Peace Corps. Making money has given way, sometimes by default, to more enriching or meaningful experiences.

With the tight job market, UC Berkeley senior Kelly Thomas wanted to ensure she had a plan for after graduation, so she applied for a state Capitol fellowship through the Center for California Studies at Cal State Sacramento.

It's a tough year to do so. Applications rose 60 percent over last year to 1,061 for only 64 slots. Most will be filled by new graduates prepared to survive on a \$1,900 monthly stipend.

"If graduates of the UC system feel they can't find a job that pays better, that shows there's obviously a lot of concern (about the market)," Thomas said.

College graduates can expect an estimated 36 percent drop in hiring over last year, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers. UC Berkeley saw a 30 percent to 35 percent decrease in employer recruitment over the previous year.

Sept. 11 impacted the economy but also campus life and the way students view their role in the world. Strident anti-war protesters at UC Berkeley marched

through Sproul Plaza this year, and emotional debates raged over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Sept. 11 hit really hard, just realizing there was more than school and more than pursuing a career, more than trying to make money," said senior Eun-Sook Yu. "It was a reality check."

She had already decided to teach, but the events of Sept. 11 changed her perspective. She won't begin with the goal of reaching the top of her profession or revolutionizing urban education but will go in "with compassion and dedication, because that's what I want to do with my life."

Other college graduates had similar realizations. The Peace Corps, which does the bulk of its recruiting on college campuses, saw a 20 percent to 25 percent increase in applications over the year before, spokesman Dennis McMahon said.

Teach for America saw applications from college graduates triple to 14,000 over the year before. It will place 1,700 graduates in low-income school districts across the nation.

Cal provided one of the biggest yields for the program with 100 applicants, 24 of whom were accepted.

Senior Julie Willard joined

Teach for America with the ultimate goal of becoming a primary physician in a rural area, a job that will require her to teach preventive health education. She began thinking seriously about the program last semester.

"After Sept. 11, I wanted to help in service, but I had always felt that way."

Some students are turning to graduate school. Cal senior Pablo Villavicencio said many of his classmates have decided to hide out from the job market in grad school.

He plans to take the LSATs, fill out law school applications for next fall and then take off for Ecuador. Villavicencio had at one time toyed with the idea of working for a short time to pay off debt, but that doesn't seem as easy to do now.

Graduate schools have seen an increase in applications. Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley, for instance, saw a 22 percent increase in applications. Other graduate programs there experienced an overall 28 percent increase.

But, of course, many graduates have found jobs. St. Mary's College senior and business major Ryan Hedemark's worries ended when she landed a position with Enterprise Rent-A-Car. And Cal senior Celeste Janssen felt relieved when Breast Cancer Action in San Francisco made her part-time position full time.

She can't wait to graduate. "I think my job is so amazing."

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Casting

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ing, and put your fly in water so it looks natural and the fish grabs for it."

"Many times you can actually see the fish that you're trying to catch," added Koths, a Grizzly Peak past president and El Cerrito resident. "There's a little bit of hunt involved."

There are thousands of different flies the fly fisherman can use.

The flies begin with a bare hook and thread and usually natural materials, such as fur and feathers, said Davis, and the materials are tied to create an imitation of an insect. Among Koths' favorite flies are the e/c caddis, the elk hare caddis, the woolly bugger, and the gold-ribbed hare's ear. The names are often made up by the person who creates them.

The e/c in e/c caddis stands for emerging cripple, and re-creates bugs that rise to the surface

when they are just past the larvae stage.

The fly is made to look like it's crippled and therefore an easy lunch for a hungry fish. The elk hare caddis is fairly easy to tie and effective in the Sierras, where the trout have short feeding seasons and are always hungry, said Davis.

The woolly bugger, considered a wet fly because it goes underwater and resembles larvae rather than a full-grown insect, is good for lake fishing.

Another good nymph, he added, is the gold ribbed hare's ear, made from the ear fur of its namesake. The pheasant tail nymph is also good, though there are also effective synthetic materials, similar to the material used for carpets.

Then there are attractor flies that don't look like anything but for some reason draw fish to them. These types of flies include the royal coachman, that can easily be seen on the water's surface because of its white wings.

"When you're tying a fly,

you're anticipating the future," Davis said, "and you're also reliving the positive experiences of last trip."

Fly fishermen are also enamored with the elegance of casting the line, a delicate and skillful procedure where the line is cast so the fly is made appealing to the fish.

"That's something that's a little bit harder to learn than casting a spinning rod," Koths said, adding that there are ponds, such as one in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, where people go just to perfect their casting technique.

The Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers started in 1982 by a handful of area residents who wanted to go away together on fly fishing trips. The group formed into a non-profit organization and has become affiliated with the national Federation of Fly Fishers and the Northern California Council of Fishing.

Twenty years later, groups of four to 12 members still take a few trips a year, traveling several hundred miles for their sport to

the lakes and streams of Mount Shasta and the Sierra Nevada. A fund-raiser and fly fishing skills fair are held annually.

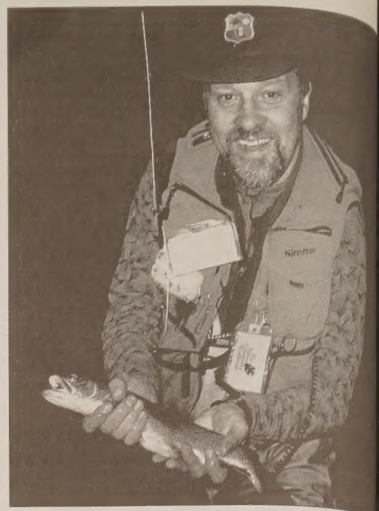
The group is now looking for a corporate sponsor to help pay for higher fees for its meeting place in the Kensington Community Center. The group intends to keep the dues low at \$35 a year for an entire family, said Davis.

Koths and Davis said the group strives to preserve the environment. It helped the California Fish and Game Department restock trout in the Wildcat Creek, where fishing is forbidden.

"Joining the club like this is absolutely a great way to learn because there's really proficient members in group," Davis said.

"It's been said that 10 percent of fisherman catch 90 percent of the fish, and this is a good way to get yourself into that 10 percent," Koths added.

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or at



DAVID GRAY of the El Cerrito Fly Fishing Club shows off the trout he caught while on a group fishing trip near Mount Shasta.

Center

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turbed and, with the pending closure of the Crockett Center, many are experiencing familiar feelings of hurt, abandonment and fear.

"Every night I cry," said the girl. "I don't know where I'm going, I'm scared."

Director Ed Klotz has struggled — many say valiantly — to keep the Crockett Center's group home and school open. But the tiny agency that for 10 years helped some of Contra Costa County's youngest and most troubled abuse victims could hold on no longer.

Last Wednesday, with just enough cash left to pay its bills and employees, the Crockett Center closed its doors for good. With that closure, Contra Costa County lost its only place for severely abused children ages 6 to 12.

"I'm crushed," said Ivania Galindo, a special education teacher who has worked at the Crockett Center's school since it opened in 1992. "(The kids) are a mess. They don't know what's going to happen."

Klotz, an Albany resident, first worked in group homes as a college student in Philadelphia. The difficult, demanding and low-paying jobs quickly burned him out, and Klotz decided to start anew out West.

He moved to the Bay Area and for years enjoyed a lucrative career as a contractor.

Then, just as he was finishing construction of a two-story house in Crockett, Klotz met a Richmond woman who had dedicated herself to helping crack-addicted children. Klotz said the encounter rekindled his desire to help kids in need.

By the time he completed the Crockett house, Klotz had decided to turn it into a group home.

The center, which was initially self-financed by Klotz, opened in 1992 and served abused and neglected children through its residential program at the house in Crockett. The Crockett Education Center, located at the old Garretson school in Rodeo, serves both residential and day students.

The center's goal, Klotz said, was to stop the destructive cycle in which abuse victims often find themselves. Within a few years, kids would, it was hoped, reunite with a non-abusive family member or a therapeutic foster family.

Day and night, the center's kids were surrounded by therapists, counselors or teachers trained to help troubled youth deal with the often exasperating feelings of frustration, fear and aggression.

"These aren't the kids who were molested (just) one time," Klotz said. "We have kids who've been involved in sexual cults. So they are tough kids. These are not kids who a little love is going to make a difference. These kids require high levels of care."

Teachers and counselors work with the children to curb their violent outbursts by giving them tools they can use to resolve inner conflicts without, as one teacher said, "throwing a tantrum."

"For a lot of the kids, this is the first place they've been successful in their lives," said Crockett Center therapist Sue Davis.

Signs of financial woe first surfaced at the center two years ago. It was then that Klotz decided to expand the agency, hoping more clients would lead to bigger county contracts and a balanced budget.

When that didn't pan out, Klotz initiated a merger with Seneca Center, an Alameda County agency with a good reputation and a handful of group homes and schools for abused children.

Under the merger, the Crockett Center would continue to serve Contra Costa County youth under Klotz's guidance.

But that plan, too, fell through when Seneca's merger application was denied by the state's Community Care Licensing agency. That decision is being appealed, but Klotz is already out of money.

As of this summer, he'll be out of space too.

The Garretson campus, where Klotz rents space for the agency's offices and 12-student school, will be demolished sometime this summer to make way for a new public elementary school. Klotz

was told he'd have to be out by the end of the school year.

"I just can't hang on," Klotz said. "I've been hanging on for a year and a half."

With the county's only high-level group home for young children closing shop, many Crockett Center kids are being sent to facilities out of the county.

One child is headed for Vallejo, another to Alameda County and another to San Francisco. Two are still waiting for a new home.

"It's really a great loss for us," said Myra Emanuel, a social work supervisor with county-run Children and Family Services.

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fighter

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hospital.

was taken to ValleyCare Center in Pleasanton, Calif., where he died, Wheeler said.

Station 16 was scheduled to be a somber, and a memorial to Turner had been planned.

who was single, had been with the Alameda County Fire Department. He was a volunteer firefighter who, normally assigned to the department's Station 12 in Alameda, was working at a various county station when he was working a Tuesday night shift in Alameda when he collapsed, Wheeler said.

Contra Costa County Coroner's office was scheduled to have an autopsy Thursday afternoon. Until then, Wheeler was the only way of knowing how he died, said deputy coroner William Mangano.

Wheeler said "it isn't unheard of for firefighters to collapse in the middle of their work. But this guy was 38 years old."

Wheeler first met Turner several years ago, when Wheeler was teaching a class at Chabot College. Turner was a firefighter with the Alameda County Fire Department. He was a volunteer firefighter, and he was working at Chabot College when he collapsed, Wheeler said.

He asked me what it was like to be an Alameda County volunteer firefighter," Wheeler said. "He went out and worked the classes, worked real hard and he did what he said he'd do."

According to several sources, Turner was inspired to become a firefighter when firefighters treated him for stab wounds he suffered in an attack in San Francisco about seven years ago. Turner, who needed open-heart surgery, said he had a "near-death experience" and credited the firefighters with bringing him back. Turner thus wanted to do similar good for those around him.

"That was a life-changing thing for him, and he said it was his destiny to become a firefighter," said Ron Gordon, a fellow Alameda County firefighter who served as a volunteer alongside Turner. "He pretty much put everything else in his life on hold for his profession."

Like Gordon, firefighter Chad Rammann went through Alameda County fire training academy with Turner. He marveled at Turner's upbeat attitude throughout what Rammann said amounted to a boot camp.

"You're there working so hard, and there's Sekou being so positive; to have someone next to you like that ... it's inspirational," said Rammann, who went "on-line" as an active, full-time firefighter in October, after he and Turner finished academy training.

Turner knew fighting fires was a dangerous profession, but Gordon said he had no problem with that.

"He never feared death," he said. "He said he'd already seen the light."

wanted to see a new daycare center placed next to the new little league fields. Other residents wondered if the village could have a pathway to the waterfront.

There were several people affiliated with the Albany Little League who came out in favor of moving the ball fields, where Albany Little League's play, from the current site at Monroe Avenue and Tenth Street to the Gill Tract, a field on Buchanan Street used by university students for agricultural research.

Others weren't so enthusiastic, including several university students who wanted to see the Gill Tract devoted to urban gardening and research on growing food in cities.

"I support having ball fields, but some people like to play in the dirt and grow things," said one woman.

"It's a part of Albany's history, like it or not, even if UC owns the property and has different ideas about it," said Albany resident Kim Linden.

On Monday, just a few residents spoke before the council unanimously authorized Mayor Peggy Thomson to send a letter to UC Berkeley, outlining what the city wanted to see there. Council members stressed they wanted the university to look at parking and traffic issues and to partner with the university to restore the Codornices Creek.

The university expects to find a developer by late summer to come up with a master plan for redeveloping the 26 acres.

Council members John Ely and Allan Maris said they appreciated the university reaching out to the city to assess what it wanted in the project.

"When we work together, we do a good job," said Maris.

Oakland pitches housing on site of proposed ballpark

By Guy Ashley
STAFF WRITER

OAKLAND — A new study suggests the city would have to contribute at least \$174 million in public funds for a new downtown ballpark that is the centerpiece of efforts to keep the A's in town.

The financial analysis done at the behest of Mayor Jerry Brown could be a death blow for a new stadium, given that several elected officials have vowed to oppose any deal involving taxpayer subsidies.

Brown, who is skeptical of the stadium's prospects, used the figures put forth in the analysis by McKinsey & Co. of San Francisco to argue this week in favor of negotiations to develop a large housing project on land eyed for a downtown stadium.

The City Council voted 5-3 Tuesday to direct City Manager Robert Bobb to hammer out an exclusive negotiating agreement with developers of the proposed Forest City housing project, a deal that could remove the site

from the list of possible ballpark locations.

But officials from the A's and the city note the proposed 800-unit Forest City project faces obstacles of its own, including a required \$51 million public subsidy. They say hope is still alive for a stadium at the site, near Telegraph Avenue and 20th Street.

"It's premature to think that site is completely eliminated," A's president Michael Crowley said.

But Crowley would not address figures cited by the McKinsey report, which assumed the A's would contribute \$146 million toward a new stadium. "I have not seen the report, and therefore it would be inappropriate to comment," he said.

Bobb has led the charge to find a way to build the A's a ballpark, given a constant stream of rumors that have the team leaving town. At Oakland City Hall, however, momentum seems to be moving away from a stadium project.

In a memo to the council,

Brown argued in favor of the Forest City project, saying it offers the best prospect of helping Oakland bring new residents into its struggling downtown.

Brown's target of 10,000 new downtown residents is a linchpin of his strategy to boost the central business district.

The stadium, he said, would likely mire the city in debt that would result in annual payments exceeding Oakland's annual \$11 million contribution to pay off the deal that brought back the Raiders football team in 1995.

The fact that the A's have yet to make a financial commitment toward a ballpark has caused several Oakland council members to balk at pushing the project.

The team's silence has prompted council President Ignacio De La Fuente to advocate an exclusive agreement with Forest City Developers for the land that recently was tabbed by the nation's leading ballpark design firm as the best site for a downtown stadium.

"I really don't know what (the council decision) kills when there's no real proposal that's out there," he said.

Scott Haggerty, president of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, said the McKinsey findings may take the wind out of a downtown stadium project, but could boost prospects for one outside Oakland — possibly Fremont.

The numbers in the report will not rest well with the public, Haggerty said, given that taxpayers still smart over the 1995 Raiders deal, which continues to cost the city and county about \$20 million annually.

"Taxpayers are not going to fund any more sports teams," he said. "It's going to take private support to build a new stadium, and I believe that's more of a challenge in Oakland than it is in Fremont. In Fremont we can utilize the corporate support that is there in Silicon Valley."

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Bulb

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Maris, to make space for a field, "and would you convince two or three blocks surrounding your house to give up theirs?"

About 20 residents, holding signs and hanging green, white and red signs reading "Let it be" around their necks, told the council they wanted to keep the bulb in its natural state and keep the area open to artists and off-leash dogs. One woman said she had collected 1,500 signatures from people in 40 communities who felt the same way.

Residents said dog owners cleaned up after their dogs and, in fact, were an asset to the area.

"This is a great treasure. This is not something to be scoffed at; this is something to be treasured," said one man.

"It makes you feel alive to be there," said one woman, who added that the waterfront was the only natural setting for off-leash dogs in the area.

From their seats, many audience members continued to speak out when the council began to discuss the bulb. They contradicted the council and accused them of not listening to resident concerns. The shouting prompted Mayor Peggy Thom-

son to bang her gavel and tell the audience it would be kicked out if it continued.

In the end, the council had the last word, going along with the recommendations by the Albany Waterfront Committee.

In a report, the committee said much of the artists' activity at the bulb does not fit with the Albany Plan for the waterfront. That plan, drafted five years ago, states that the neck and bulb should be preserved as much as possible in its natural state with access limited to walkers and on-leash dogs.

Among the waterfront committee's concerns: materials brought in such as paint, wire fencing, large light globes, glass, mirrors, paper and cement; a "gallery" that has been constructed and is encroaching on areas designated as environmentally-sensitive.

"It's in a very sensitive area, in an area where we're trying to preserve wildlife," said Maris. "I think if art is going to be there it has to be there in some controlled manner."

Councilman Mario DiPrisco said there was similar artwork on the Emeryville mudflats but that he prefers that area in its natural state.

"I'm saying that this bulb and plateau and beach and mudflats

are too delicate for paint and wood and brushes," said DiPrisco. In response, one audience member shouted: "It's a dump."


The council voted against the construction of a paved road or parking area to provide windsurfer access along the south side of the neck and the bulb. The intent was to preserve the bulb as a "semi-wild area" and avoid disruption of the existing land and wildlife.

"It's not an appropriate place to be parking cars," said Councilman John Ely. "And we really don't need a road."

"I think it would be a mistake to manicure the bulb at all and it should be preserved as a semi-wild area," added Vice Mayor Jewel Okawachi.

The council also opposed a refreshment stand in the area.

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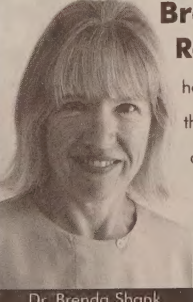
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Round-the-clock relay at ECHS raises \$35,000 to help fight cancer

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — About 160 people turned out for El Cerrito's Relay for Life last weekend, strolling along the El Cerrito High School track for a day, raising \$35,000 for the American Cancer Society in the process.

Families affected by cancer, high-school leadership students and others turned out, inspired by the event's cause and its community spirit. On a breezy, sunny day, residents set up tents, lawn chairs and volleyball nets and walked along the track for 24 hours from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday.

"It's really a good opportunity for people to come together, show support and do something productive to actually cure cancer," said El Cerrito High School student Nancy Tsai, who was registering participants.

About 3,000 Relays for Life were held throughout the country, last year, raising \$11 million in California and \$200 million nationwide for the American Cancer Society. The relay has been held annually since 1985, with the money spent almost equally for cancer prevention, research, detection and treatment, patient services, and fundraising efforts. Six percent of the money raised is spent on management.

About 18 teams — double the number in past years, according to organizer Janice Jordan — participated in the El Cerrito event, with at least one person from each team walking on the track at all times. Residents collected pledges — at least \$100 for themselves and \$100 for their

team for their participation.

Many residents who came were either cancer survivors or knew someone afflicted by the disease.

El Sobrante resident Manuel Gonsalves was walking on the track and wearing a purple shirt, denoting his status as a cancer survivor. Nine years ago, he said, he had a tumor on the base of his tongue that was burned off with radiation. He and his daughter, an El Cerrito High School student, were both in the relay.

Albany resident Jack Rosano was there along with family members and a handful of Berkeley Kiwanis Club members, who raised \$1,700 for the event.

"It's a part of giving back, that's what it's really about," said Rosano, strolling along the track.

UC Berkeley sophomore Brian Wei recruited about 30 students from the university to the relay, including members of the College Republicans, the Circle K volunteer group and the Berkeley undergraduate research group.

Wei, whose father is a cancer survivor, said he wanted to support the cause — even though it was getting close to finals time.

"It's good, it's very empowering," Wei said. "It's a rewarding experience, but not in the way people think — it's very self-satisfying."

Janice Jordan, an Albany resident who has survived soft-tissue cancer twice, was one of a handful of people who helped to organize the inaugural local event in 2000. She said the money raised has helped create treatments that saved her life and

made battling cancer less debilitating.

This year, a group of cancer survivors from El Cerrito, Albany, and Berkeley organized the event, including Jordan, Joann Steck-Bayat of El Cerrito, and Berkeley residents Jackie Hammond, Marsha Williamson and Jeff Sinsheimer.

Business sponsors included the city of El Cerrito and the Rotary Club of El Cerrito; Satindr Pahwa and Denise Pinkston from the El Cerrito Subway sandwich shop; the El Cerrito Plaza Albertson's; the El Cerrito Natural Grocery Company; Berkeley Bowl; Whole Earth; Peet's Coffee and Teas; Eucerin Skin Protection; Michael's Art Supplies and Concord U-Haul.

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RICHMOND RESIDENT Connor Mullarkey Asercion, 6, gets a ride from his cousin of Albany during the Walk-A-Thon to benefit cancer patients May 18 at El Cerrito High School.



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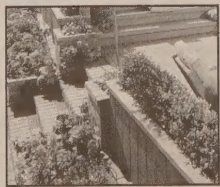
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Is a home inspection enough?

■ It's only the starting point, it won't give you all the information you need

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Most buyers wouldn't dream of buying a home without having it inspected by a reputable home inspector. But, don't assume that just because you've had the home you're buying inspected by a home inspector that you're finished with your due diligence investigations.

A thorough home inspection doesn't cover everything. For instance, most home inspections don't cover:

- the property's permit history
- septic systems and wells
- wood-destroying pests
- title issues, such as easements
- environmental hazards like asbestos and mold;
- security and irrigation systems.

And this may not represent a complete list of the items excluded from your home inspection.

A home inspection should be viewed as the starting point of your investigations into the condition of the property. You shouldn't buy a home without having one.

You also shouldn't assume that a home inspection would give you all the information you need to make an informed decision about whether or not to buy a property.

Home inspection reports usually include a disclaimer that lists the items that aren't covered. The reports often suggest that the buyers complete further inspections. Few buyers actually complete all the recommended further inspections, sometimes to their detriment.

Permit history is a classic example. In some communities, like Piedmont in the San Francisco Bay Area, a home buyer almost always obtains a permit history of the property.

The reason for this is that the city of Piedmont has an explicit disclosure alerting buyers about the importance of checking the building permit record. Many cities don't require such a disclosure.

The main issue with building permits is that you could be required to correct a past owner's modifications to the property if the work was done without the necessary building permits.

This includes situations where a permit was taken out to do work, but a final clearance was never issued.

Recently, a homeowner in Oakland discovered after closing that the permit history on the home she bought was incomplete. She didn't discover this until her contractor went to the city to take out a permit to make changes to the property.

Apparently, the previous owner had taken out a couple of permits that had expired. In this case, the city can require the new homeowner to get a final clearance on any outstanding permits before issuing a permit to complete new work on the property. This could be costly.

It's usually easier to resolve permit issues when they are discovered before closing. A seller in Oakland was informed, after he put his house on the market, that the contractor he hired to install air conditioning failed to take out the required building permit.

The seller contacted the contractor who took out a permit and completed the work needed to obtain a final clear-



DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

ance. This was all done before closing, and didn't cost the new owner anything.

House Hunting Tip

It's a good idea to be present during your home inspection. This gives you an opportunity to get answers to any questions you might have.

Be sure to ask the inspector if he recommends further inspections.

If so, follow through and have these done. If you need more time to complete an additional inspection, ask the sellers for an extension. Or, ask the sellers to provide you with the information you need.

Don't confine your investigations to the property boundaries. For example, the drainage or sewer lines from the home you're buying might cross another property before hooking to the city sewer main or storm drain system.

The Closing

If so, be sure easements are recorded in the title record granting permission for these lines to cross the adjacent property.

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Which index is best for an ARM?

BY ROBERT J. BRUSS
TRIPLINE MEDIA SERVICES

Dear Bob: We are considering refinancing with a five-year adjustable rate mortgage (ARM). Depending on which index we select, we were offered interest rates around 5 percent. But the indexes are very confusing. We were offered a cost of funds index, a LIBOR index (whatever that is), and a Treasury bill index. Which index is best for us? — Steven C.

Dear Steven: The ARM lender should provide you with charts showing the history of each index so you can compare the volatility. My preference is for the cost of funds index, often called the 11th District cost of funds index. This index moves very slowly. It is determined by the interest paid by savings banks in Western states to savers.

The LIBOR index is the London Interbank Offering Rate. This index is currently very low. But it tends to move up or down quickly.

The most volatile of the indexes is the Treasury bill index. Another index some ARM lenders use is the CD (certificate of deposit) index.

By locking in the ARM interest rate for five years, you'll be well protected against rising interest rates. Of course, that's presuming you don't keep your house longer than five years. If you do, and if interest rates rise, you could get stuck with a big interest rate increase in five years.

Be sure to inquire if the ARM has negative amortization (or "negative am"). That means the interest rate can adjust monthly, semiannually or annually, although your monthly payment is fixed for five years. If the ARM has "negative am," any unpaid interest is added to the mortgage balance. The unpleasant result could be you might owe more than you borrowed.

Mortgage lock-in period

Dear Bob: We are in the process of shopping for a home loan. One lender offered us a free 30-day interest rate lock-in period. That seems rather short, as we haven't yet found a home we want to buy. What is the customary mortgage lock-in period? — Ben W.

Dear Ben: Congratulations on getting preapproved in writing for your home loan before shopping for a home. Now you'll know what price range home you can afford.

The lender isn't taking much of a risk by giving you a free 30-day lock-in period. Chances are slim you'll find a home and be ready to close the purchase within 30 days. The lender knows the 30-day lock-in period will probably expire before you're ready to complete the purchase.

I prefer the cost of funds index, often called the 11th District Cost of Funds index. This index moves very slowly. It is determined by the interest paid by the interest savings banks.

If you think interest rates will rise before you're ready to purchase your home, you wish to pay the lender a realistic 60-day lock-in period.

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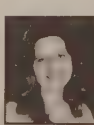
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Recent visit highlights the Bay Area's 'Cuban Connection'

Former President Jimmy Carter's recent visit to Cuba put the spotlight of the US media on that island nation's rich cultural and historic heritage.

One story reported by a CNN correspondent was filmed in front of the Old Capitol Building in Havana, (or the "Capitol" as it's called in Spanish), while another correspondent stood in front of the US Capitol Building in Washington DC to provide a graphic demonstration of how similar the architectural design of these two buildings is.

This similarity is no coincidence, since at the time the Cuban Capitol Building was designed (circa 1910 to 1929) Cuba was largely under the political and economic control of the United States. Thus, American tastes and styles in architecture, cars, fashion, film and music had a major impact on Cuban society.

Today, because of the US Trade Embargo against Cuba, this is no longer the case. Except for an incredible fleet of old American cars and a great love affair with baseball, America's political and cultural influence on Cuba is less than it was before Fidel Castro took power in 1959.

Nevertheless, a growing number of Americans are traveling to Cuba in recent years (albeit illegally, for the most part). Thus, an informal, unofficial form of cultural exchange has been taking place between citizens of the US and Cuba.

Some of these visits are allowed under US law, which limits legal travel to Cuba to official political visits. The law does allow teachers doing research or taking groups of students on pre-approved tours or journalists writing articles about Cuba. Artists, architects, writers, and musicians on authorized cultural exchange programs are also allowed.

When Ry Cooder filmed "Buena Vista Social Club," he did not get the proper permit in advance. The US Treasury Department fined him \$20,000.

The Bay Area has been in the forefront of organizing some of these cultural and political exchange visits to Cuba. One area in which East Bay cities have participated in such visits is through various sister-city programs.

The city of Oakland, for instance, has established a such a program with the city of Santiago de Cuba. This is very a fitting relationship, since these two cities have much in common.

Santiago de Cuba is the second largest city in Cuba, and is usually overshadowed by its much larger rival to the west, Havana, (just as Oakland is often overshadowed by its bigger rival San Francisco).

Like Oakland, Santiago is a port city on the eastern edge of a sheltered bay, with a good harbor and a booming trade in imports and exports.

Just like Oakland, Santiago has a fine collection of historic homes, churches, and public and commercial buildings, which the city government has been restoring in recent years with partial funding from the national government.

The Bay Area has been actively involved in the arranging of various visiting delegations to Cuba. During the past few years, various groups of Northern California lawmakers — including Senator Barbara Boxer — have visited Cuba.

Visitors include other members of Congress, mayors and city council members. They have gone to Cuba to discuss improving political and economic relations between the two countries.

Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown headed up a delegation of Bay Area political and business leaders to Cuba last year. This February, a group of California legislators traveled to Havana to discuss increasing trade between the US and Cuba.

This delegation included legislators from St. Helena and Carmel. They brought wines from Napa and Sonoma counties to share during an official state dinner with Fidel Castro.

By far the most common type of cultural exchange program between Bay Area citizens and

Cubans has involved study groups. These include high school and college students who have traveled to that island nation to learn about its culture and history. In January of this year, I had the opportunity to join such a study group from Diablo Valley College, in Pleasant Hill.

Two Diablo Valley professors, Dr. Lenore Gallon, and Obed Vasquez of the sociology department arranged the trip.

They decided to put together a fifteen day tour of Cuba through the Study Abroad program at Diablo Valley College.

At first, Lenore told me they had very little interest, since the deadline for signing up was in November, not long after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on New York. Just before the deadline passed, however, they suddenly had a flood of calls and inquiries. Eventually, they managed to sign up a total of about 35 students and other residents from around the Bay Area, ranging in age from 17 to 70.

This group represented a wide variety of backgrounds and professions. Included were:

- Rick Mitchell, 63, of Concord, a retired engineer who publishes an ecumenical Christian newsletter

- Jamie Bradley, 26, of Walnut Creek, a high school Spanish teacher

- Alma Marroquin, 63, of San Francisco (originally from El Salvador), a registered nurse who teaches medical Spanish at various Bay Area hospitals

- Robert Deizell, 66, of Martinez, a retired US Government Resource Conservation Officer

- Roxanne Wilkinson, 17, of Concord, a full-time student at DVC in physical fitness training

- Ann Danenberg, 47, of Larkspur, a researcher at the Public Policy Institute of California.

I accompanied this study group one day in January as they rode on a chartered bus through Havana to visit various historical and cultural sites in the Cuban capital. I met up with them at the Old Capitol Building.

The guide explained that this structure has not been used as a legislative facility since Fidel Castro took power. It now houses the Ministry of Science, Technology, and the Environment. The main part of building is open to the public as a museum. As mentioned, the exterior is nearly an exact copy of the US Capitol Building.

The interior of El Capitol is breathtaking. The dome is 300 feet high, and has a magnificently ornate open rotunda.

The walls and floors are decorated in polychromatic marble, and the two hallways running off

the rotunda are lined with massive colonnades. Most impressive of all is the 56-foot-tall bronze statue of the Cuban Republic that weighs 49 tons, standing at the back of the rotunda.

This architectural treasure was allowed to fall into disrepair for many years, but has been completely restored recently.

The other national landmark we saw that day was the birthplace of Jose Marti, who is often called the George Washington of Cuba.

Marti led the last, and ultimately successful revolution of the Cuban people against Spanish Colonial rule. He died in 1895, before the rebellion he led was victorious in 1898, (many Cuban and American historians feel that the US "high-jacked" this revolution when we invaded Cuba during the Spanish-American War).

Jose Marti is more well known now in the United States for having written the words to that popular Cuban ballad "Guantanamera."

Today, his modest house is open to the public as a museum. The home displays photos, maps, and artifacts from his colorful life as a poet, essayist, newspaper

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columnist, teacher, lecturer, children's author, world traveler, and finally the ultimate Cuban patriot.

At the end of the visit by the Diablo Valley College study group, I interviewed several of them. I asked them what their main impressions of Cuban society and culture were, after having traveled around the island for two weeks.

Besides the famous and well-deserved reputation of the Cuban people for being warm and friendly — they pointed to the rich architectural heritage of Cuba's cities.

They also noted the housing shortage that was overwhelming most of these same decaying historic neighborhoods. And therein lies the sad dilemma of the current state of US-Cuban relations.

The US has the ability to both make profits and make friends,

and win influence in Cuba. However, we must let American businesses do what they have done so well in other Communist and former Communist countries: put American companies to work restoring the historic centers of Cuban cities while demonstrating the advantages of free enterprise to the Cuban people.



MARK WILSON
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However, as long as the Trade Embargo remains, the US will continue to miss a golden opportunity.

I feel that both the Cuban and American people are poorer for it.

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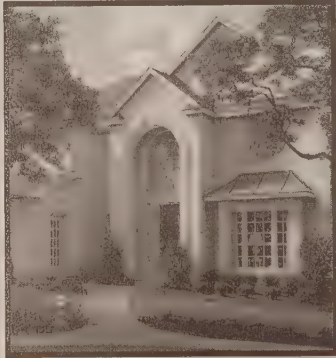
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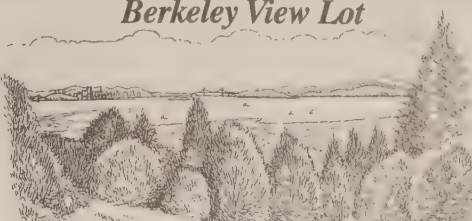
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OPEN SATURDAY

3251 SYLVAN, OAKLAND.....\$549,000
Redwood Heights side of the Laurel District. 3+BR/2BA, incredible kitchen remodel, formal DR, family room, 2-car garage w/office, huge lot. Open Sunday.
Barbara & Kim Marienthal.. 510.486.1495 Diane Verducci.....510.486.1495

BERKELEY.....\$610,000
Gracious corner home w/terrific views of Tilden Park. 3BR/2BA, all on one level, 2 car garage. Recreation room or office down. Loads of storage.

2638 CAMINO LENADA, PIEDMONT PINES.....\$625,000
New Listing! Cape Cod charm, gleaming hardwood floors, cook's kitchen, family room, 2 fireplaces, 2BR/2BA, fabulous garden! Walk to school. Open Sunday.
Karen Lum 510.339.4700 Michael Thompson 510.339.4700

UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$839,000
3+BR/2BA English Cottage in park-like setting, on large lot. Newer master suite w/deck & North Bay views; gleaming hardwood floors. Open Sunday.

OPEN SUNDAY

1471-743 HILGIRT CIRCLE, HADDON HILL.....\$859,000
Saturday 1-4. Handsome 5-plus in convenient location. Nice natural light, inviting outlook.
Ruby Ng/Karen Lum..... 510.339.4700

808 ARLINGTON, BERKELEY.....\$1,035,000
Sunday 2-4:30. Updated Mediterranean w/ Golden Gate & Bay Bridge views. 4BR/3.5BA, formal living & dining rooms, large rec. room, master suite & level back yard.
Dell Orr..... 510.339.4700

6752 SOBRANTE RD., MONTCLAIR.....\$759,000
Sunday 2-4:30. Contemporary with pizzazz! Soaring ceilings and well-placed windows create a great indoor/outdoor feeling. Larger lot, exceptional yard! FDR, kitchen/family room combo, office, FP, 3BR/2.5BA, 2-car garage.
Karen Lum..... 510.339.4700

5126 SIMONI DR., EL SOBRANTE.....\$595,000
Sunday 1-4. Totally remodeled after fire. 4BR/3BA, family room w/FP, living room w/FP, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, level yard, new roof.
Phyllis Wherry..... 510.339.4700

6328A BUENA VISTA, NEWARK.....\$331,000
Sunday 1-3:45. Spacious, ground-level, end-unit condo. 3BR/2BA, one-car garage + carport, built in 1985. Fresh paint, newer flooring, laundry room, newer appliances.
Elena Stone..... 510.339.4700

BY APPOINTMENT

OAKLAND HILLS.....\$1,250,000
Rare 4BR/3BA, large lot, basketball court, view, entertainment room, waterfall, Jacuzzi, plus many extras.
Charles Hicks..... 510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR.....\$749,000
Two cottages in prime area, on lush lot with hills view. Private retreat yet close to shops.
Donna Conroy..... 510.339.4700

BERKELEY.....\$699,000
Wonderful Queen Anne on tree-lined street w/ view of the Bay & Mt. Tam. Three large units, owner's unit remodeled, new foundation & roof, large back yard.
Victor Fierro..... 510.339.4700

LAUREL.....\$389,000
1940's sunny Traditional with charm! 3BR/1.5BA, one level, FP, eat-in kitchen, random plank/hardwood floors, 2-car garage.
Carolyn Devo..... 510.339.4700

KENSINGTON BUNGALOW.....\$389,000
Sunny home w/private garden & garage/studio spaces. 2BR/1BA, gleaming hardwood floors, fireplace & loads of charm. Short distance to shops/restaurants.
Sally Hendrickson..... 510.486.1495

NO. OAKLAND FIXER.....\$300,000
Must see to appreciate! 2+BR/2BA w/large master bedroom suite. Downstairs family room is poss ble 3rd bedroom.
Juanita Simon..... 510.486.1495

NO. BERKELEY CONDO.....\$299,000
In renovated Neo-Colonial, a 1+BR/1BA condo w/granite kitchen counters, hardwood floors, attic room w/bay view for storage + extra outside storage.
Barbara & Kim Marienthal..... 510.486.1495

BERKELEY CONDO.....\$275,000
Garden level 1BR/1BA in beautifully restored triplex. Terrific bath, new appliances, washer/dryer & a shared backyard. Fine, rare pied-a-terre.
Sarah Shankman..... 510.486.1495

BUYER NEEDS

In the Berkeley or Oakland Hills, 4BR/2BA home up to \$1,200,000. Please call Josh Whitmer, 510.981.3027.

Piedmont or Montclair area. Minimum 3BR/1BA, some level yard, up to \$1,000,000. Please call Maura Allen, 510.981.3034.

Preferably in Berkeley Hills & Thousand Oaks area. 4BR/2BA home up to \$700,000. Please call Kim & Barbara Marienthal, 510.981.3036.

Light-filled contemporary in Berkeley. 3BR/2BA plus garden. Up to \$1,000,000. Please call Nadine Del, 510.981.3033.

Elmwood/LaConte School, 3+BR/2BA, sunny yard, fixer o.k. Up to \$700,000. Please call Sarah Shankman, 510.981.3031.

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**Investment Property
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3228 Adeline Street, Berkeley
The best of both worlds...don't miss this wonderful investment opportunity. Great building with two commercial spaces and four residential units (3 vacant). List price \$785,000.

New Listing! Life on the Bay... 2615 Bayfront Court, Marina Bay Open Sunday 2-4

Quiet gated community near Marina Seashore Trails. A desirable 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Townhouse with cathedral ceilings, skylight, fireplace, patio and private yard. Swimming pool/spa. Attached garage with additional reserved parking space. Great commute, easy access for Marin or SF. \$339,000

300 Gravatt Drive, Claremont Hills

Two great lots with flat building area on a knoll. The views span the bay, the sunsets mesmerize. Neighborhood houses have sold for \$2M+. Close to highways, shopping and BART. Available separate (\$600,000 each) or together for \$1,200,000.



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Charming Home in a Wonderful Neighborhood

**520 Clayton Avenue,
El Cerrito**

3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a great backyard. Walk to BART, shopping, restaurants and parks! New paint inside and out, refinished hardwood floors.

\$315,000

Open Sunday, May 26, 2 to 4:30



Janice Maupin
848-1950 x246

**THORNWALL
Properties**

Glorious View Lots in a Private Setting



0 Virgo Road, Oakland Hills

On Axis with the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz Island, located at the end of a quiet street, gaze at the most sought after views in the country.

Approximately 2/3 acre and zoned as 2 separate lots, this unique property boasts unparalleled views, serenity in an ideal setting. For plans, reports and additional information, please call.

Heidi Marchesotti

Phone: (510) 869-4243
UPPER ROCKRIDGE SPECIALIST



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5541 Maxwellton Road, Rockridge
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Charming Cape Cod. Picture perfect from the picket fence to the shuttered windows. Quiet corner lot, handsome formal rooms, three bedrooms, two and one half baths, charming sunroom. Private garden and patio.

Offered at \$699,000



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2 New Listings



1711 GANGES AVE. EL CERRITO

#225 - Large home on one level, approximately 2,299 sq.ft., features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room with fireplace, formal dining, family room, breakfast area, kitchen with space for two refrigerators, 2 car garage, 8,750 sq. ft. lot, lovely landscaped yard with deck and much more. \$549,950



1120 RICHMOND ST., EL CERRITO

Large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Rose Park Town home. Approximately 1,490 sq. ft., 2 car garage and much more. \$299,950

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Crocker Highlands



910 Paramount Road

Gracious Monterey Colonial residence featuring lovely formal living and dining rooms, beautifully remodeled kitchen and family room with built in entertainment center. Three bedrooms and one bath upstairs; one bedroom, two "plus" rooms and two baths on the lower level. This is the perfect home for entertaining ~ guests and family will enjoy the easy flowing floor plan and the expansive deck.

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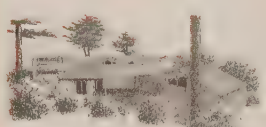
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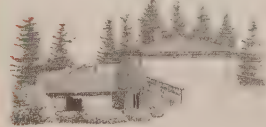


PRICE REDUCTION! \$790,000

Beautiful Montclair retreat. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths with huge garage. Fabulous views from all angles, remodeled throughout. Located on large lot at Redwood Regional Park.

6000 Grizzly Peak Blvd.

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NEW LISTING, 1ST TIME OPEN \$689,000

Immaculate Montclair ranch. Updated kitchen and baths. Spacious family room. Deep back yard.

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Martha Shin 510-339-8400



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CHARMING COLONIAL \$629,000

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WARMTH AND CHARM..... \$569,000

fill every room of this private Montclair colonial. Situated on over 14,000 sq. ft. this home offers HWF LR w/ FP, spacious FDR w/ deck and delightful eat-in country kitchen. Rumpus room & workshop. Level backyard w/ fruit trees.

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TRANQUILITY ABOUNDS! \$559,000

Move right into this 2+ Bedroom, 2 Bath completely updated Montclair home. Huge, level yard features year round creek, fruit trees, and mature landscaping.

110 Glenwood Glade

Cece Rosaia 510-339-4000

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Spacious rooms, lots of upgrades. Gleaming hardwood floors, updated kitchen and bath. 3 sunny bedrooms, utility room with half bath. Private and sunny yard. Easy freeway access. All this on a quiet tree-lined street!

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NEW LISTING! \$699,000

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NEW LISTING! \$599,000

Panoramic views from almost every room of this unique home. Up a private driveway & offering beautiful Japanese gardens, refreshing pool, full bar, remodeled kitchen, vaulted ceilings and many extras!

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NEW LISTING! PRICE UPON REQUEST

On two separate lots over 50,000 square feet w/ potential for subdivision to create a 3rd vacant lot, purchase these unique property's as a package. Private driveway, Japanese gardens, pano views, sparkling pool, huge living areas, 3 full bars, the entertainers dream come true.

3101 and 3105 Frye St.

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LOWER ROCKRIDGE VICTORIAN \$399,000

Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with hardwood floors, bright sunny kitchen w/ formal dining room. Large unfinished basement with expansion possibilities. Hurry-won't last!

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Ken Nwokedi

LEVEL LOT-GREAT SPACE

Location convenient to shopping, mass transit. Zoned commercial - perfect mixed use or income property.

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MONTCLAIR HOME RENTAL

4+ Bedrooms, 3+ Baths. Private Montclair. 2 storey brown shag carpet, privacy. Huge gourmet kitchen, places, bay views. Private guest den. Available July 1st.

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HUGE 1 BED, 1 BATH

Available June 1st. Close to shopping area, express bus to S.F.

A.D. Nassiri

Sales

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$575,000

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$320,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$261,250

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 72
LOWEST PRICE: \$70,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,550,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$388,646

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$700,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,000,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$800,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$833,333

RICHMOND
TOTAL SALES: 27
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$475,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$300,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$291,352

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 29
LOWEST PRICE: \$237,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$570,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$340,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$358,086

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$370,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$341,250

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Lovely 2 Bedroom wood shingled home. Craftsman built-ins. Woodburning fireplace. Vintage stove in kitchen, refinished hardwood floors. Just painted inside ad out. Garage in full basement. Conveniently located.

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New Listing In The Berkeley Uplands

81 Hillcrest Road, Berkeley

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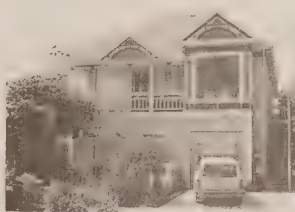


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1280 GRAND VIEW, OAKLAND \$1,950,000
Mediterranean villa w/Golden Gate view set in one of the Hill area's most desired locations. Ample spaces for entertaining & for quiet times at home; showplace kitchen, warm & expansive family room, elegant living room, wine cellar/tasting room, entertainment suite, & home office. Exceptional master suite retreat, generous au pair. 4+BD/3.5BA

Peter Nicolopoulos 531-7000 x248 or 339-9780



1138 DRURY ROAD, OAKLAND \$1,899,000
Just Listed! Fabulous new contemporary Craftsman with drop dead views! Four bedrooms, four and one half baths, gorgeous detail and finishes. Perfect integration of indoor-outdoor spaces.

Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251 or 485-7251



2833 MODESTO \$325,000
Make this immaculate 2BD/1BA Maxwell Park bungalow your own! Marvelous built-ins, fireplace in living room. Formal dining room w/original French doors. Large EIK w/laundry. Detached garage. Delightful backyard. Move-in condition.

Joy Bryden 531-7000 x218



Enjoy the location of this immaculate Glenview townhome. Both bedrooms are upstairs with one full bathroom. A spacious living room with fireplace, a large EIK with laundry and a half bathroom create the downstairs. There are three new decks, new stairs, new carpet and fresh paint. Retreat to a tiny garden area. Double garage. Must see!

Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292



PANORAMIC LAKE MERRITT VIEW! \$480,000
You can see Lake Merritt from every room of this luxurious 2BD/2BA Co-Op. Come see!

Kevin P. Kennedy 531-7000 x204



GREAT STARTER HOME \$355,000
3BD/2BA home with remodeled tile kitchen, brick fireplace in living room. Landscaped front and back yards on automatic sprinkler system. Fenced backyard with covered patio and dog run.

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■ COMMERCIAL BUILDING.....\$725,000
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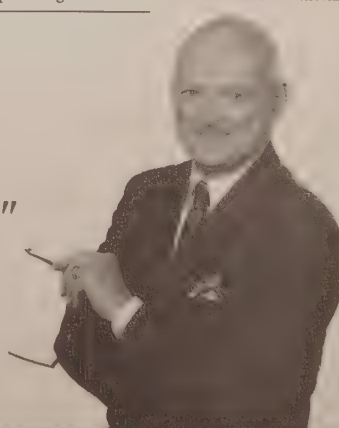
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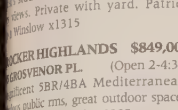
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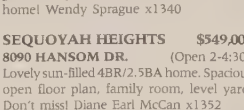


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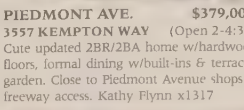
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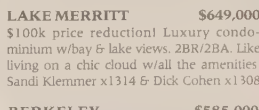
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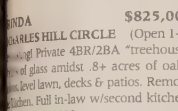
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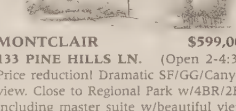


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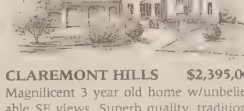
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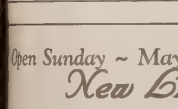
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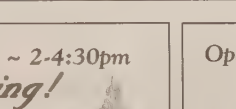


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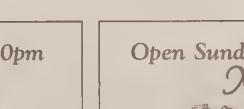


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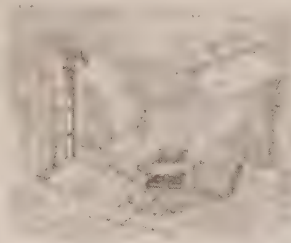
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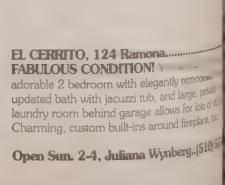


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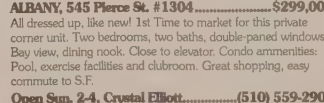


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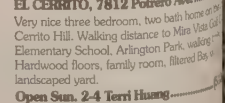


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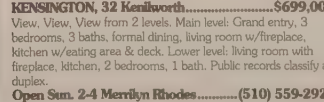
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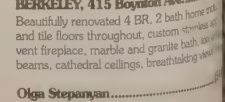
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\$795,000. Maya Trilling x18



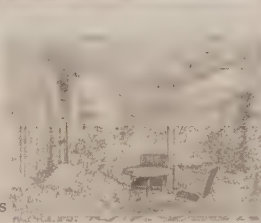
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Section C

Berkeley handles Antioch

By Joe Stiglich
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Berkeley High School baseball team wasn't about to sit around and wait for things to happen Wednesday against Antioch. The sixth-seeded Yellow Jackets jumped all over Panthers pitcher Mike Evers and their bats were let up in a 12-6 win in the second round of

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round of North Coast Section playoffs at UC Berkeley's Diablo Valley College. Berkeley finished with 13 hits, five of them for extra bases. They led off the first inning with a hit and scored every frame but the sixth.

"I think 90 percent of hitting is contact," Berkeley designated hitter Matt Toma said. "If you're hitting guy after guy get a hit, it's infectious. Especially in this game, we didn't have anybody that was really fly out with the bases loaded. Everybody came through." Toma had three hits to go with RBI and three runs scored, as did Andre Miller. Lee Franklin and Jason Moore each chipped in with two RBI.

The Yellow Jackets now host UC De La Salle, which beat the seeded Deer Valley 8-7 on Wednesday, in a 5 p.m. quarterfinal game Saturday at Evans Division.

Everything Berkeley tried offensively seemed to work. Miller started a perfect hit-and-run in the first that helped get the Yellow Jackets an early 2-0 lead. Moore came down a suicide squeeze bunt to score Toma in the third.

The Yellow Jackets also ran the bases aggressively, taking advantage of several passed balls and wild pitches as the Panthers were playing without starting catcher Brian who was ejected from Antioch game and had to sit out.

"We have the kind of team that can do anything: hit and run, steal, or we like to think we can do anything the other team gives us," Berkeley coach Tim Moelling said. Berkeley starter Sean Sounder (4-1) was the beneficiary of an outburst, going five innings and allowing no earned runs in seven hits.

In the fourth, in which Sounder batted around, gave the Panthers a comfortable 10-2 lead.

Each Macedo led Antioch with two hits and three RBI. Josh and Sean Namanny went 2-for-4 with an RBI.



DANIELL STOKES of St. Mary's races to victory in the girl's 300-meter high hurdles at the NCS Bay Shore Track and Field Championships.

Panthers blow past the field

By Curtis Elliott
CORRESPONDENT

UNION CITY — The wind may have been a factor at James Logan High School in Union City on Saturday, but the biggest obstacle blocking the paths of the many schools entered in the North Coast Section Bay Shore track and field championships was the juggernaut of the St. Mary's Panthers.

On the girls side, the Panthers won 11 events to beat the field with 100 points; host James Logan was second with 93 points and Bishop O'Dowd third at 50. Bridget Duffy, Danielle Stokes and Kamaia Warren led the way with two wins each. Warren captured the discus throw, going a monstrous 150 feet, 11 inches, and also won the shot put handily with a throw of 44-04. Stokes won in both the 100-meter and the 300 high hurdles. Duffy won by a wide margin in the 1,600 in 5 minutes, 0.17 seconds. The runner-up, teammate Gabriel Rios-Sotelo ran a 5:06.83.

"I was just trying to hold on by myself and run around five minutes," Duffy said. "That's basically what I was aiming for. Next week (at the Meet of Champions), to be held today and Saturday at Ed-

wards Stadium on the UC Berkeley campus) and state are my main focuses. This week I was trying to get into a pace and settle in and hopefully not have to make it up at the very end."

Duffy also won in the 3,200 meters, as she hung with the field for five laps, before pulling away and winning it.

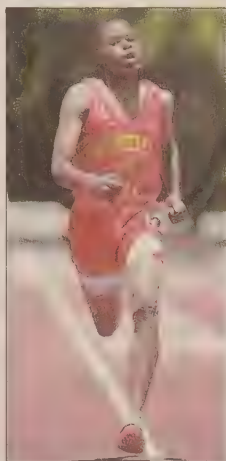
Panther Tiffany Johnson won the long jump in a competition that was so close she didn't even realize until later that she'd won over teammate Stokes.

"There's usually me, Danielle, two girls from Bishop O'Dowd (Shanice Kelly and Keishae Hill)," Johnson said. "We're always right there with each other. On any given day any of the four of us can win. Whoever happens to have the better day."

In spite of their success, the Panthers are hardly perennial champions.

"The girls team was horrible last year," the senior Johnson said. "Everybody really improved over the summer. We have the throwers, the runners, sprinters, jumpers and long distance."

On the boys side, the Panthers were third with 69 points, Logan winning with 99 and Bishop O'Dowd second at 72. Berkeley was



STEPHAN BROOKS runs to victory in the 400-meter dash in Union City.

seventh with 16 points. El Cerrito scored seven points, Albany three.

Despite placing third, St.

Mary's had at least one dominant performance — that of long jumper Solomon Welch.

As Welch landed in the sand after his third long jump attempt, observers of the event started getting excited.

Welch ran over to the jumping board to see the mark on the measuring tape, then a broad grin crossed his face and he started clapping his hands.

That's what happens when you set one of the best long jump marks in the state.

Welch had exploded to a personal record and Bay Shore championship record of 23-6 1/2. His next three attempts were all in the low 22s, but he had made a statement. Entering this week's action, there had been only five marks this season by California high school athletes under any wind conditions that were longer than Welch's mark, and only one that was longer with legal wind marks. There was no wind gauge used for the long jump at Saturday's meet.

"This is the most aggressive I've ever felt on the runway," said the Stanford-bound senior, who produced a mark of 22-8 on his first attempt. "When I looked at (the measuring tape), I knew it was 23-something."

St. Mary's jumps coach Jeff Rogers said that Welch and himself had an agreement that if Welch didn't jump at least in the mid 23s in the long jump by the NCS Meet of Champions, he would drop the long jump at the state meet, if he qualified in that event.

"Now we'll have to talk," said Rogers with a smile. "He got all of the board and finished well."

The athletes with the top seven times or marks in each event (including all heat winners) advanced to the NCS Meet of Champions.

In addition to qualifying for the Meet of Champions in the 110-meter high hurdles (15.18 seconds), Welch also won the triple jump, his specialty, with a mark of 47-6 1/2 to be one of only two male athletes to have the top mark in two individual events. James Logan's Giliat Ghebray was the other (4:15.90 in the 1,600, 9:48.25 in the 3,200).

In the boys 400, Berkeley's Stephan Brooks made a decisive surge 150 meters into the 400 and didn't look back, as he produced the day's top time in the event (48.55).

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this story.

Albany rallies past St. Mary's, captures BSAL title

By Bill Kruissink
STAFF WRITER

It was the wind blew in: the Bay Shore Athletic League championship.

Playing the BSAL championship game in

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game in which there were extra-base hits, the Cougars pulled a 7-1 tie in the bottom of the seventh behind three consecutive singles and a "seeing-eye" RBI

single through the hole between first and second by Dave Klein.

"I know St. Mary's; they batle you all the way," Cougars coach Jim Giblin said. "You have to play seven innings."

Ian Gordon (1-0) earned the win, coming out from his usual spot behind the plate to pitch two-plus innings in relief of starter Mike Clement. The league MVP, Gordon walloped a three-run homer in the fourth — a shot that cleared the right-center field fence both high and far.

"The wind did affect the offense," he said. "The (Panthers') home runs and my home run were probably carried out by it. But there was a lot of other offense."

Chris Alfert's two-run blast in the first gave the Panthers (13-

13) a two-run lead. The Cougars came back to tie it and go ahead 4-2 in the third, then Gordon's homer made it 7-2 after four.

The Panthers did not go away. Chris Morocco's two-run homer, combined with a double by Peter McGuiness and an RBI single by Chase Moore cut the gap to 7-5. Morocco and Alfert scored in the seventh to tie the game.

"That's pretty much the story of our year," St. Mary's coach Andy Shimabukuro said. "We don't quit."

Klein's hit reversed the trend in Albany's direction.

"This is the first championship in baseball for Albany in 10 or 20 years," Gordon said. "There are a lot of people who are proud of us right now."

Postgame

ON DECK: The win sends Albany to the North Coast Section 2A East Bay playoffs as the No. 3 seed. The Cougars earned a first-round bye, then plays No. 6 Encinal (12-12) at College of Alameda this afternoon at 5 p.m. The Jets are the defending 2A champs.

"I told them to celebrate today, then we'll worry about North Coast," Giblin said. "I don't just want to go to North Coast — I want to make some noise at North Coast."

STATS: The Panthers out-hit the Cougars 9-5. ... For St. Mary's, Chris Morocco went 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBI ... Alfert was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and three RBI ... Chase

Moore singled three times in four at-bats; he drove in a run with his fifth-inning single to left. ... For Albany, Gordon reached base three times, on an error in the third, with a three-run homer in the fifth and on a walk in the seventh. He scored twice and drove in three runs ... Paul Muse singled in two runs in the third ... James Izumizaki drew two walks, scoring the fourth run, then seeing pinch-runner Phil Lightner cross the plate with the winning run in the seventh.

Albany 10, Salesian 7
Key RBI doubles by Matt Ball and Robert Diaz in the sixth inning helped Albany rally from a 7-6 deficit to defeat Salesian 10-7 in a BSAL tournament semifinal game. Ball finished with three hits

and two runs scored, while teammate Ian Gordon slammed a two-run home run in the first inning. Salesian (18-8) was paced by Kyle Bethel (3-for-4, 2 RBI).

St. Mary's 5, Piedmont 4
Chris Morocco hit a walk-off home run in the seventh inning to propel the host Panthers into the BSAL championship game.

Morocco hit his shot to center field for St. Mary's (13-12), which trailed 4-1 entering the bottom of the fifth inning. But the Panthers tied the score in the fifth on RBI hits by Jeff Marshall, Marcus Johnson and Morocco. Chase Moore went 3-for-3 for St. Mary's.

Staff writers Jennifer Starks and Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

ON DECK

2A East Bay playoffs, Encinal plays at College of Alameda, to play the Cougars (19-5) are champions of the Bay Shore Athletic League, coming off a scintillating victory over St. Mary's last Saturday in league playoffs.

Albany gets Encinal (12-12) as the defending NCS East Bay champion. The Jets finished in the second place in the Alameda Athletic League and are the toughest team around Albany to NCS play. Encinal's Cory Dunlap — he'll be every ground ball is an ad — and CoA is practically home guys and they are tough

on it. Oh, and the ACCAL MVP is Jets second baseman Nick Loy.

■ El Cerrito vs. Dublin at Dublin High, Saturday, 5 p.m. — The Gauchos (18-6) are co-champions of the ACCAL with Berkeley and Encinal. Both El Cerrito and the Gaels (13-11) earned first-round byes.

El Cerrito coach Brian Nichols was named the league's coach of the year and first baseman Randy Minix, center fielder Jamonté Cox and pitcher Greg Murray — Nichol's likely starter — were all named to the ACCAL's first-team all-league list.

Track & Field

■ NCS Meet of Champions, trials, today, 11:30 a.m. (field), 1 p.m. (running);

finals, Saturday, 10:30 a.m. (field), 1:30 p.m. (running). — A St. Mary's show, but Albany, Berkeley and El Cerrito have some athletes to watch. Justin Samudio and Sean Carey of Albany qualified in the 800 meters; Stephan Brooks of Berkeley in the 400; Alex Ensoe of Berkeley in the 1600; Rebekah Payne of Berkeley in the 100 hurdles; the Berkeley girls 400 relay team; and Monique Coleman of El Cerrito in the 100.

Otherwise, come out and watch Bridget Duffy in the distance races, Kamaia Warren in the shot and discus, Solomon Welch in the jumps. They're all from St. Mary's.

And don't forget Berkeley resident Clara Horowitz, who competes for Head-Royce. The Duke-bound senior

lapped the field in the 3200 at the NCS Class A meet in Ukiah last Saturday. She'll duel with Duffy.

Stars of the week

■ Greg Murray, El Cerrito baseball — Had the game-winning hit in a 5-4 victory over Encinal on May 17 that gained the Gauchos part of the ACCAL title.

■ Ian Gordon, Albany baseball — Playing for the BSAL title against St. Mary's, Gordon, league MVP, slammed a three-run home run in fourth inning and became the winning pitcher with two-plus innings of relief.

■ Chris Morocco, St. Mary's baseball — Hit a walk-off solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to break a 4-4 tie against Piedmont

Thursday in a BSAL semifinal game and then hit a two-run shot against St. Mary's in the title game on Saturday. He went 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBI in a losing effort against Albany on May 18.

■ Stephan Brooks, Berkeley track — Won the 400 at the NCS Bayshore Meet with a time of 48.55 seconds.

■ Solomon Welch, St. Mary's track — Won both the long jump and triple jump at the NCS Bayshore Meet by almost a foot in each event. Went 47 feet, 6 1/2 inches in the triple jump and 23-6 1/2 in the long jump.

■ Danielle Stokes, St. Mary's track — Won both hurdles events at the Bayshore Meet, winning the 100 in 14.59 and the 300 in 44.76.

Quotes of the week

"This is the first championship in baseball for Albany in 10 or 20 years. There are a lot of people who are proud of us right now."

— Cougar catcher/relief pitcher Ian Gordon after Albany defeated St. Mary's to claim the BSAL crown. Gordon was the league MVP.

"The girls team was horrible last year. 'Everybody really improved over the summer. We have the throwers, the runners, sprinters, jumpers and long distance."

— St. Mary's track athlete Tiffany Johnson, on the prospects of the Panthers doing well at the Meet of Champions.

ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL

RESULTS OF MAY 18

Younger Division

Sweet Potatoes Sluggers 21, On the Beam Dolphins 16
The top of the first inning was dominated by the defensive play of the Dolphins' Nicole Cruciani, who was involved in making all three outs, including a nice catch of an accurate throw from Zoe Fiddler.

The top of the second saw the emergence of what was to be the deciding factor in this game, as five runs were scored on the Sluggers' solid hitting. In a defensive highlight for the Dolphins, Fiddler caught a pop up behind the plate.

The bottom of the second inning saw the Dolphins bat around, scoring seven runs.

The third inning again saw solid hitting by Sluggers Maria Price-Hanson, Marina Picklerel, Taylor Rios, Marissa Budlong, McKenzie Giblin, Elise Hartinger, Magan Tokunaga, Staci Apodaca, Sarah Herman, Zoe Pollock and Taylor Iuanchi. In the bottom of the third inning, the Sluggers made three outs, holding the Dolphins scoreless.

The final innings saw the Sluggers score six runs and the Dolphins make a defensive tag out of the potential seventh run at home plate. The bottom of the seventh saw the Dolphins score four runs.

Dr. Brehnan's Smilemakers 22, Nolo Sharks 19

In the first inning, Smilemakers Lily Wyss threw to Katie Tick at first base to make the first out. Later, Lesley Lopez tagged out a runner going from first to second. In the bottom half of the inning, Jenna Archer hit a long double scoring two runs for the Smilemakers.

In the second inning, Sharks Nicole Gomez smashed one to center field for a single, scoring two runs. In the Smilemaker's half of the inning, Ashley LaRosa hit a single to score the runner from third and Kaia Wilkey hit a double. Defensively, Sharks Gomez caught a pop fly, Sadie Oliver-Grey scooped up a grounder at first and tagged out the runner.

Later, Oliver-Grey snagged a grounder and threw to Sarah Madden at the plate for an out at home.

Archer doubled again to lead off the last inning for the Smilemakers. Sharks Zoe Renauer made a play at first for an out. Terra Dudley relayed a grounder to Abby Scott, who tagged out the runner to end the game. Both teams showed great improvement since the start of the season.

Middle Division

Jesse Young Tigers 7, Red Oak Realty Rattlesnakes 7
For the Tigers, pitching standouts were Elizabeth Pickrel, who hurled a scoreless first inning, and Shelby LaRosa, who fanned the final batter with the bases loaded to end the second.

Heavy hitting by Audrey Gutierrez (a triple in the first) and Kumari Chadri (an RBI single in the second) sparked the Tigers' offense. Emily Cooper ignited a double play in the first.

For the Rattlesnakes, Corey Chin and Maddie Cousins kept the game close with solid pitching. Kamillah Whitfield snared a tough fly ball to end the first, and catcher Ryann Heid rifled a throw to third to nail a base runner in the second. Rattler run production featured Hannah Kramer and Marina Hunt, who knocked a three-run homer.

Centerfield Partners Penguins 10, Ginzberg Video Burning Bullets 2
The Centerfield Partners

Penguins slugged their way to victory at Fielding Field. In the first inning, Liana Egan hit a fly ball deep into left field and beat the throw to the plate for an exciting home run. Jenna Brotsky hit an infield single and stole both second and third, then scored on an RBI infield hit by Claire Hartinger. Jennifer Breuning hit a double, driving in two additional runs. Later, Linaea Zulch picked up an RBI with a single.

Bullets first baseman Elizabeth Tulsy made two flawless snares of "bullets" from Lily Felder and Hannah Port, putting runners both times. Krista Smithers showed a steady hand by catching a pop fly to close the third inning. Sara Muse scooped up a grounder and tossed it to Felder at first for another fast putout.

There was little opportunity for the Penguins to steal bases in the second inning with dynamic Bullet batterymates Port (pitcher) and Hillary Calef (catcher) keeping the ball under tight control, making the Penguins work hard for their runs.

Bullets offensive highlights included a double by Sasha Ginzberg and a strong pop fly by Zoe Oliver-Grey.

Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars 5, Nelson, Meyer, Kasrovi, & Ung Golden Bears 3

A windblown, sand-swept field seemed a most appropriate backdrop to this contest, as the two dental teams gave a tenacious display of softball.

The Molars' Rachel Lazansky-Weast grabbed a sky-high fly at first for the first out. Pitcher Zoe Jansen notched a stirring strikeout for the second out. Katya Schoenberg ran her heart out on a slow roller for an RBI. Mighty Kelsey Murakami at the bat boomed a soaring home run past center and rocketed fireballs from the mound for two strikeouts.

Kaia Moran opened the Golden Bear offense with a single. Kelsey Fredriksen smacked an explosive homer, driving in all three of her team's runs. Chloe Drulis pitched a perfect three-up, three-down inning. Pitcher Megan Derwin-Ackerman truncated the opposition's hopes in the second with another shutout inning.

Older Division

Strategic Economics Panthers 11, Sensational Lasers 5

Parents and friends, sheltering against the usual brisk wind, were entertained Saturday at Fielding Field by this exciting game. After heavy action by both teams in the first inning, the Panthers were able to break the 4-4 tie in the second inning on singles by Sarah Neuhaus, Priscilla Espinoza, and Mora Reinka. Hannah Lyman, demonstrating her superior speed, capped the rally by beating out an infield single, stealing second and third, and scoring on a dropped third strike.

The Lasers did not give up and answered back with one run in the third inning after Rachel Kahan walked and eventually stole home to tighten the score.

Good Laser defense, including steady pitching by Mary Katherine Morrison, two good snags at second base by Lynn Weil, and aggressive play by catcher Emily Hecht, kept the Lasers in the game.

The Panthers added two insurance runs in the fifth inning after Mary Pinto drew a walk and Leah Belzer-Adams smashed an impressive double to left. Panther pitcher Sarah Neuhaus preserved the victory by striking out three Lasers.

El Cerrito meets its match at NCS

By Chace Bryson
STAFF WRITER

CONCORD — El Cerrito High School can boast one of the best

defensive boys volleyball teams in the North Coast Section, but on May 16 against No. 1 seed De La Salle, it was asked to pick its poison — and both choices were fatal.

Between hitters Adam Wroe and Dan Sydlík, the Spartans (30-3) concocted a potent hitting

assault that led to a 15-7, 10-15, 15-11, 15-4 NCS Division I semifinal victory over the visiting Gauchos (35-6).

The win propelled De La Salle into the NCS championship, where it defeated No. 2 Foothill (35-5) 15-13, 15-4, 7-15, 15-11 to claim an unprecedented fifth consecutive title.

The Spartans didn't waste any time establishing the momentum against the Gauchos. Taking advantage of some early El Cerrito mistakes, De La Salle jumped out to a 13-3 advantage in the first game and cruised to a 15-7 victory.

The Gauchos quickly responded in the second game, however, and behind the play of senior Armen Zakarian jumped out to a 9-2 lead. Zakarian posted five of his 11 kills during the second game, including two big hits late to force a sideout and to score a point that put El Cerrito up 14-10.

"Our two hitters, Zakarian and (Michael) Gonzalez, really carried us all season long," El Cerrito coach Fred Gonzalez said. "They put up a big effort for us tonight, but De La Salle's dig-and-passing game was just that much better."

After De La Salle lost its second game 15-10, Spartans J.D. Brosnan moved to a different slot in the tournament.

"I moved Dan to the net to get more hits from the net and they weren't able to do it very well," Brosnan said.

Sydlík responded by posting seven kills for points in the third and fourth games. He finished with a game-high 11 kills (23) and digs (16) added 21 kills and 15 digs.

Gonzalez, a 6-foot-6 more, finished with Teddy Firestone had

BRIEFS

Adult coed soccer

The City of Albany Recreation Department is forming a coed adult soccer league to begin in August.

A recreation league, the emphasis is on fun.

Parties belonging to an existing team and with an interest in joining a new team should contact Darren at (510) 559-7216.

Coaching openings

Alameda High School, 2201 Encinal Avenue in Alameda, is seeking varsity coaches for both its boys' soccer program and its baseball team.

Soccer is a winter sport, baseball is played in the spring.

Interested parties should contact Athletic Director Linda Brown at 337-7011.

■ **St. Joseph's Notre Dame High School**, 1011 Chestnut St. in Alameda, is seeking a coach for its 2002-2003 varsity girls basketball program.

The deadline for applications is May 29, 2002.

For more information, call Athletic Director Dan Curry at (510) 814-7146. Resumes or inquiries may be faxed to (510) 523-6967.

Soccer teams forming

Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League Class III boys teams are being formed by the following clubs: Albany/Berkeley (tel. 848-1339), San Pablo (223-8859), Richmond (620-0698), El Cerrito (869-KICK) and Mersey (524-4625).

Contact these clubs directly or log on to www.acysl.org for tryout schedules.

Golf

The **Galbraith Junior Golf Program** will host its first Oakland Junior Golf Tournament at 9 a.m. at Lake Chabot Golf Course on June 24.

Juniors 7-12 will play the par-3 course and juniors 13-18 will play the 18-hole course. Entry forms are available at local municipal golf courses.

Those wishing to enter can also use a JGANC entry form. Registration is \$20 and is due June 1.

Lunches are included and trophies will go to the first three finishers of each age group and gender.

Checks should be made payable to Galbraith Jr. Golf, and sent to Peter Kastmiller, Oakland Jr. Open, 340 45th St., Oakland, 94609.

For more information, call 510-654-4262.

The **Galbraith Junior Golf Program** is also looking for sponsors and donors to defray the \$6,000 cost of running the Oakland Junior Golf Tournament at Lake Chabot Golf Course on June 24.

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Galbraith Junior Golfers is a 501(c)3 educational program.

■ **The Galbraith Junior Golf Program** is open to players 7-18 interested in learning the rules and basics of golf.

The program runs from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lake Chabot Golf Course every Saturday.

Galbraith Junior Golf also invites the business communities of Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont and San Leandro to get involved through group and scholarship sponsorships.

For more information, call program coordinator Clarence Washington at 510-569-5682, or e-mail Michael Salem at oaklandboyz@aol.com.

Basketball

Caren Horstmeier's Girls Basketball Camp will hold a jam fest on June 1 and a team camp June 28-30. For more information, call 1-800-738-1815 or log on to www.oski.org.

■ **Caren Horstmeier's Girls Basketball Camp** will hold three sessions at Cal's Haas Pavilion this summer. The first session, which runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m., June 24-28, is an individual camp for players in grades 4-12. Players will be divided into groups of fourth- through eighth-graders and ninth- through 12th-graders. Cost is \$255.

Session two, which runs 7-9 p.m., June 25-26, is a shooting camp for players in grades 7-12. Cost is \$50.

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Arts

Group wraps up inaugural season

TRANSSPARENT THEATER concludes its inaugural season — and a fulfilling one it's been — with the world premiere of Lisa Dillman's acidic comedy, "What Cats Know." Rebecca J. Ennals directs.

This stylish production is about two thirtysomething couples. Cass (played by Katharine Dunlop) is a textbook editor who's vaguely dissatisfied with her life. She's living with Kent (Steve Gallion), a stolid computer programmer. A friend is Gregory, played by Transparent's artistic director Tom Clyde. He's an artist; ambiguous, obsessed with painting Cass. His girlfriend, and Cass' best friend, is Therese (Lissa Colleen Ferreira), snide and manipulative.

You want to like these people at first. Then little things intrude. Gregory and Therese steal when they visit Cass and Kent. Not big stuff, little keepsakes: a cigarette lighter, a treasured refrigerator magnet. They are kleptos, not because they need or even want the objects, but, as Therese says, because they can. All four play games of gotcha against the others. People are catty. Maybe that's what cats know.

As a comedy, "What Cats Know" is not laugh-a-minute tomfoolery. Its rueful humor comes from recognizing painful truths and shortcomings in people you may know. Yes, even in ourselves.

"What Cats Know" plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and at 7 p.m. Sundays through June 9. Transparent Theater is at 1901 Ashby Ave. (corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Way), Berkeley. Tickets are \$20 except for the Sunday performances which, as always, are pay-what-you-can. Call 510-883-0305.

RAVE GOES UNDERGROUND: Can Impact Theatre create the rush of a rave in the confines of La Val's Subterranean Theatre black box? Can the boy-gets-girl-gets-lost-gets-back formula work when the party of the first part — a raver guy — falls in love with the party of the second part — a female nark from the DEA? Finally, what if the rave were being held in a Reform Jewish



TOM CLYDE AND STEVE GALLION play Gregory and Kent in Transparent Theater's production of the biting comedy "What Cats Know," which runs through June 9.



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

Temple?

Those are intriguing questions raised by "Love Is the Law," local playwright Zay Amsbury's romantic comedy being premiered weekends at La Val's through June 8. Christopher Morrison is directing.

The show's title is a tip-off that, yes, indeed, even with a seemingly incompatible couple, love triumphs. It's the law. Been that way — minus the drugs — since Eden.

Regrettably, not enough is made of the temple-as-rave-site idea, which might have added an interesting dimension, besides the Schedule One drug motif, to this otherwise regulation relationship play.

The cast features David Ballog, Lisa Hori-Garcia, Kevin O'Malley, Bernadette Quattrone and Perry Smith. It's a well-mounted, colorful production,

with credit going to Chris Hammer (set design) and Blake Manship (lighting). Ann Marie Wilson's costume design added an appropriate touch of funk and fun.

"Love Is the Law" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$12 general; \$7 for students. La Val's Subterranean is at 1834 Euclid Ave., just north of the UC Berkeley campus. Call 510-464-4468.

QUICK TAKES: Berkeley Opera continues its 23rd season with Vivian Fine's one-act chamber opera, "The Women in the Garden." You can still catch the last two of its three-performance run, either at 8 tonight or 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St. (at Arch), Berkeley.

Fine's libretto is crafted from the writings of four non-conformist, innovative rebels of their day: Emily Dickinson, Isadora Duncan, Gertrude Stein and Virginia Woolf. Tickets are \$30, \$25 for seniors; and \$15 for youths 17 and under and the handicapped. Call 925-798-1300.

"Women in Time" theatre continues its innovative storytelling with George Bernard

Shaw's "The Apple Cart," opening June 1 in the Patio Room of the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Plays through June 29. For show times and ticket prices, call 925-798-1300.

Anne Collins, who's doing props for "City of Angels," opening in two weeks at the Masquers Playhouse in Point Richmond, is using the latest search wrinkle in this often underappreciated theatrical chore — e-mail.

"I am looking for a late '30s (to) early '40s style camera that has a working flash," she messaged, saving individual phone calls to some 50 Masquers on her wish list. "Yes, that means flash bulbs (not cubes, bulbs)."

If no camera has turned up yet, and you can help, I'll pass the word. See below.

Jack Tucker's column runs *Fridays in the West County Weekly*. Send items of interest to him c/o the *West County Times*, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA, 94806; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@ccetimes.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

EVENTS

■ **BAROQUE CHORAL GUILD** — Sanford Dole conducting, June 2, 7:30 p.m. A program titled "Pipes and Drums," featuring works by Bach, Britten, Ives, Mathias, Peck and others. Guest percussionists: Ward Spangler, Galen Lemmon and Mark Veregg. \$20 general; \$15 seniors and students. First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. (408) 969-4095 or www.bcg.org

■ **PACIFIC MOZART ENSEMBLE** — "A Cappella Jazz and Pop Series," May 31 and June 1, 7:30 p.m. A cappella performances of jazz, pop, doo wop and other styles.

\$20 general; \$15 students and seniors. St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 2000 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 415-705-0848 or www.pacificmozart.org

■ **THE SIXTH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE AND CHALK ART FESTIVAL** — May 25 through May 27. Areas of sidewalk will be assigned to participants to create their own fanciful chalk paintings on May 25. The Chocolate Festival features menus with brownies, fudge cakes, chocolate tortes, chocolate lollipops, chocolate salami and chocolate flowers, from businesses on Solano Avenue flying a festival banner.

Solano Avenue Gift Certificate Raffle, May 22 through May 29. Winner will be drawn on May 29. Dog Fashion Show, May 26, 2 p.m. At Solano Avenue and Key Route, Albany.

Professor Gizmo, One-Man Band, May 25, 2 p.m. At Peralta Park.

Operation Kidprint, May 25, 2 p.m. Children's fingerprints are sent home with parents to be kept on file. Sponsored by the Berkeley Police.

Free. Solano Avenue, Berkeley and Albany. 510-527-5358 or www.solanovae.org

■ **REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK** — "Outdoor Cross Training," June 1, 9 a.m. An intermediate intensity hike for those who want to break a sweat. Learn new techniques for muscle conditioning. For ages 18 and over. Registration required. \$10 to \$12.

"National Trails Day," June 1, 8:30 a.m. Help with trail rehabilitation, including pruning, erosion repair and trail tread improvements. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 10 and over. No dogs. Registration required.

\$4 for parking. 7861 Redwood Road, Oakland. 510-636-1684 or www.ebparks.org

■ **OAKLAND AREA** — Britney Spears, June 1, 7:30 p.m.

\$39.78 to \$75.50. Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland. 925-762-2277, 510-762-2277, 415-478-2277, (408) 998-2277, (650) 478-2277, (916) 766-2277, (707) 546-2277 or tickets.com

■ **PARK DAY SCHOOL** — Eddie Palmieri, June 1, 9 p.m. Proceeds benefit Park Day School. \$25 to \$50. Spotlight on the Square, 2203 Mariner Square Loop, Alameda. 510-653-0317.

■ **YOSHI'S** — Poncho Sanchez Band, through May 26. \$20 to \$24. Frankie Kelly, May 27. \$10.

Dee Dee Bridgewater: Gettin' Weill'd, May 28 through June 2. \$26 to \$30. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200 or www.yoshis.com or www.tickets.com

■ **CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL** — "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare, June 1 through June 23. Two couples, hoping to avoid unwanted marriages, become the hapless targets of a mischievous faery's tricks with a love potion. \$24 to \$46 general; \$23 to \$46 seniors; \$13 to \$44 children. Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. Bruns Memorial Amphitheater, Gateway Boulevard, past Orinda. 510-548-9666 or www.cal-shakes.org

■ **WOMEN IN TIME PRODUCTIONS** — "The Apple Cart" by George Bernard Shaw, June 1 through June 29. A battle between King Magnus, everyman's king, and democracy.

\$20 to \$22. Thursday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 925-798-1300 or www.womenintime.com

■ **AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY** — "Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

"The West Oakland Senior Oral History Project," ongoing. A visual and oral exhibit capturing the history of some of West Oakland's senior treasures in 51 black and white photographs and recorded conversations. Featuring Dr. Marcella Ford, Ruth Beckford, Anthony Martinez, Alonzo Fields and more.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

■ **EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS** — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum.

Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

Thrilling 'Insomnia' keeps your eyes wide open

By Mary F. Pels
TIMES STAFF WRITER

There's a moment early on in "Insomnia" where Will Dormer, the detective played by Al Pacino, instructs a crew of his eager Alaskan counterparts to go over to the high school and get some students ready for questioning.

He's the big city cop, who's come all the way from Los Angeles to show these local yokels how to solve the mystery behind the murder of a pretty high school student, and he's ready to roll. His biggest fan on the Nightmute, Alaska, police force, a chipper girl detective named Ellie (Hilary Swank), looks uncomfortable for a second, then breaks the news to him that it's 10 at night, even if it looks like midday.

The perma-hood on Pacino's eyes drops, a millimeter lower. Will Dormer is not in the business of being surprised by anything.

"Yeah," he says back, both soft and gruff. "I heard about that."

And so begins Will's exhausting, mind-bending education about the ins and outs of the Alaskan midnight sun. The third feature from "Memento" director Christopher Nolan, "Insomnia" is a mystery story, but it's not so much about who killed the girl (anyone who has seen the trailer for the film knows the answer to that already) as it is about when chronic sleeplessness will finally drive Will over the edge.

He and his partner, Hap, which may be short for Hapless (Martin Donovan from "The Opposite of Sex"), have arrived in Alaska via seaplane, disembarking after a bumpy flight over dramatic fields of craggy, blue ice. Between the ominous, somber music, the northern setting and the cheery sign proclaiming Nightmute "the halibut fishing capital of the world," it feels like they've just set down in David Lynch land.

Will has no apparent physical baggage, although he does have



OSCAR WINNERS Robin Williams, left, and Al Pacino star in the psychological thriller "Insomnia."

plenty of the psychic variety. Hap meanwhile, is toting a copy of that morning's Los Angeles Times, which carries news of a major internal affairs investigation at the LAPD (the movie's master stroke of realism, since this is indeed the case roughly 364 days of the year).

There's an off-handed cynicism to the way "Insomnia" treats dirty cop business. Maybe you can stay pure and idealistic in a place like Nightmute, but it's por-

trayed as an impossibility to do so in Los Angeles. Hap, not entirely savvy himself, is poised to rat Will out to internal affairs in order to save his own skin, and Will knows this. When Will takes poor aim through a dense fog and shoots him during a stakeout to catch the killer, we are

meant to wonder whether it was intentional or not. Either way, Will is suddenly in an uncomfortable position, trying to solve one murder while hiding the se-

cret of another killing from everyone in Nightmute.

Throughout the six-day span of the movie, Will hardly gets a wink of sleep — a nice irony, given that his last name is so close to the French and Spanish verb "dormir." Pacino is already so high on the haggard register that the change doesn't show much on his sagger, in the way Will slips into increasingly dangerous, and dumb behavior. Will has seen and survived just about everything — he's got the scars to prove it — but insomnia is a force he can't out-cool.

Pacino gets to do all sorts of fun things in this movie, from action sequences to tough guy interrogation scenes, and he plays them with uncommon restraint. Talking to Ellie, Will tosses off some mystery solving advice and then teases her, saying, "Aren't you going to write that down?" He's like a cantankerous old tomat — come by for his monthly pet-and-purr session. Pacino fans ought to go nuts for this performance, since it's one of his best in years.

He's matched by a strong supporting cast. Robin Williams is quite fine in a darker role than usual while Swank is convincing as an earnest youngster whose wide eyes are actually catching

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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

former KTVU vet
George Watson
lands on his feet

There are plenty of smiling faces over at KTVU's Jack London Studios these days. The station's spread that their long-time anchor, George Watson, has found a new job, albeit out

of state. "I'm really happy about it," Watson's long-time co-anchor, Emmy-winning Channing "Shooter" (cameraman) Quinn, says. Concern for the anchor's fragility is the biggest reason for the up-move. Watson, you may recall, has been battling cancer the past decade. At one point, he was even

Watson's inspiring comeback and his battle with booze were chronicled nationally on NBC's "Watson," after being back on the wagon a short time, was hired back as a news anchor by then-KTVU General Manager Kevin

Watson, who'd also gotten Watson rehab programs. Watson was married to long-time KTVU anchor Suzanne (Shaw) Watson, an anchor-reporter on a classy weekend feature, "My 20th

After O'Brien left last year, the show was axed. Watson out of a job. KTVU management offered him a new contract, as a general assignment reporter, but one KTVU staffer says, "He didn't want to chase

again." Watson and KTVU finally parted ways last month, both saying publicly that the parting was amicable. Watson did allude to being "very sad" to be leaving KTVU general manager Jeff Block. "We would have loved to have George stay. I felt it was too much of a loss to have one person

leave to a feature." Watson's final irony, Watson said, he'd been nominated for local Emmys for his work at KTVU (he won one last year). Even though he has been doing fine, KTVU pals were worried about Watson's loss of his

old boss, O'Brien, who was again. O'Brien is running a station group, KTVU Broadcasting, out of Vegas. When O'Brien heard of Watson's latest plight, he offered him a "special assignment" at Meredith's station in

■ **DISORDER:** NBC's "Law and Order" is probably the most interesting thing on any network's prime-time

schedule these days. This past week's season-ending episode was typical: It dealt

with the case of a Middle Eastern descent man killed in a suspicious apartment fire.

■ **SHOW'S LINCOLNESQUE:** The show's Lincoln-esque episode, played by Sam Waterston, was followed by a murder

even though there have been strong reasons to suspect the victim was a

planning an attack, this time, no reason for a vigilante to take the law in his own

and execute him. ■ **WORD THIS PAST WEEK:** Al Qaeda may be planning

showing up actual apartment buildings in the U.S., a

may have seemed a bit liberal to some. But

some recent comments by the show's co-executive producer, Eric Overmyer,

writing in the alumni magazine of his alma mater, Reed College, about the 9-11 tragedy,

and a Buddhist and a "liberal" offered

thoughtful observations about the victims and/or

the victims and/or extremists acts for political reasons. "We must maintain

the distinction between victims and perpetrators," Overmyer wrote, "and

maintain the blind, one-way flow of power, but to keep

from turning down the slippery

slope of naming the victims,

and making them of complicated

own destruction."

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Vera H-C Chan and Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; Anthony Breznican, David Germain, Christy Lemire, Tim Molloy, Sheila Norman-Culp and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Valerie Kulkenski, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Gary Dowell, Tom Mauststad, Chris Vognar and Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel.

"ABOUT A BOY": A charming adaptation of Nick Hornby's wonderful comic novel of the same name. Hugh Grant is at his best, playing, as he did in "Bridget Jones's Diary," a bouncer extraordinaire, a 38-year-old commitment phobe who does nothing but shop, play with his electronic toys and live off his songwriter father's royalties. He finds redemption, albeit grudgingly, when one of his games, a scam to date single mommes (more sex, less commitment) backfires on him and he is forced into a friendship with a lonely, dorky 12-year-old named Marcus (Nicholas Hoult). Too much voice-over, and a rather contrived ending, but a nice night out at the movies. — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief strong language and some thematic elements.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B+

"AMELIE": A feel-good movie in the best possible sense, a comic fable from French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet that vibrates with joy and fastidiously with life. Amelie (the relentlessly charming Audrey Tautou) is a lonely young lady who keeps a watchful eye on the rest of the world. One day she sets out to reunite a child's treasure with its long-grown owner and discovers she likes playing emotional Robin Hood. Setting out on a path to help her neighbors and the denizens of the cafe where she works, she inadvertently trips into a love affair with a guy (Mathieu Kassovitz) who might be as sweetly eccentric as she is. Every time you think the movie is getting too sticky-sweet, Jeunet throws something tart and funny in our path. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content.) 2 hours. A

"A BEAUTIFUL MIND": Very good by-the-book filmmaking from director Ron Howard. The film spans 47 years in the life of John Forbes Nash Jr. (Russell Crowe), a mathematical genius who won the Nobel Prize for economics in 1994. Doubtless the element that made Crowe want to play Nash (brilliantly, as usual) is that Nash also suffers from schizophrenia, and has for decades. During only in its subject matter — math and mental illness — the movie follows the careful trajectory of a classic inspirational story, occasionally veering into the medicinal, but still undeniably moving and effective. Jennifer Connelly is excellent as Nash's wife. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense thematic material, sexual content and a scene of violence.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. B+

"THE CAT'S MEOW": Director Peter Bogdanovich has been in a slump, and his latest — a fictionalized account about the suspicious death of a movie producer aboard a yacht owned by newspaper mogul William Randolph Hearst — is no exception. Kirsten Dunst saves the film with her full-wattage performance as an actress who's the mistress of Hearst as well as the object of Charlie Chaplin's affections. The rest of the cast is ordinary at best in a movie that is trite and mechanical. — J. Matthews. (PG-13: sexuality, violence, drug use.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. C

"CHANGING LANES": A film that dares to probe, intelligently, into some of those most essentially American issues, race and class, and simultaneously lays bare the moral lapses of both the privileged and the disgruntled. Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson are both very good as opponents in a case of road rage gone wildly amok. With strong supporting work by Toni Collette and Amanda Peet. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B+

"THE COCKETTES": Well before "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and New York's "vogue" craze, there were the Cockettes, those irrepressible San Francisco drag queens who defined a little-known San Francisco subculture in the 1970s. The performance group from North Beach — and indeed the flowering of the transvestite lifestyle in general — is profiled in this lively, fascinating documentary. — G. Lovell. (NR: nudity.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. B+

"DOGTOWN AND Z-BOYS": This documentary draws a straight line between a scruffy group of outlaw Southern California surfers and skateboarders of the 1970s and the pervasive modern extreme-sports movement. Certainly the Z-Boys story is compelling, and the vintage action footage that goes along with it is really something to see. But as graceful as this group is on the board, that's how graceless they tend to be off of it. They're defiant bad boys still boasting decades later about the fights they got into back in the day. Although director and co-writer Stacy Peralta, a Z-Boy himself, has created a clever vi-

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Times and showtimes subject to change. Call theaters for information.

Wheelchair Accessible
Showtimes for Friday May 24

Alameda County

A1 and 2

2128 Center Street Berkeley 510-843-3456
•**The Mystic Massacre** (PG) 5:45, 9:30
•**Y Tu Mamá Tambien** (Not Rated) 7, 9:45.

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Ave. Albany 510-843-3456
•**Monsoon Wedding** (R) 7, 10
•**The Cat's Meow** (PG-13) 6:45, 9:30.

California Theatre

213 Kinross St. Berkeley 510-843-3456
•**Theatre temporarily closed.**

Century 16 Bayfair Mall

550 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 510-276-5694
•**About a Boy** (PG-13) 11:55, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25.
•**Enough** (PG-13) 11:30, 1:10, 2:20, 3:45, 4:55, 6:55, 7:40, 9:35, 10:15.
•**Insomnia** (R) 11:40, 2:30, 5:05, 7:55, 9:50, 10:40.

•**Spider-Man** (PG) 11:15, 12:10, 1, 2, 2:50, 3:50, 4:40, 5:45, 6:40, 7:30, 8:35, 9:20, 10:15.
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 11:20, 12:20, 1:20, 2:25, 3:20, 4:25, 5:20, 7:25, 9:40.
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 11, 11:45, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 3, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:25, 6:15, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:30, 10:30.
•**The New Guy** (PG-13) 12, 2, 4:05, 6:20, 8:20, 10:20.
•**Unfaithful** (R) 11:10, 1:55, 4:40, 7:50, 10:35.

Century 25 Union City

32100 Avenida Blvd. Union City 510-487-9593
•**About a Boy** (PG-13) 11:05, 12:05, 2:30, 4:40, 5:15, 7:55, 9:50, 10:20, 10:55.
•**Changing Lanes** 12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 8, 10:15.
•**Enough** (PG-13) 11:25, 12:10, 2, 2:45, 3:50, 4:35, 5:35, 6:25, 7:15, 8:10, 9, 9:45, 10:45, 11:40, 12:15.

•**Insomnia** (R) 11:35, 12:05, 1:35, 2:20, 3:10, 4:15, 5:10, 6, 7, 7:50, 8:40, 9:40, 10:35, 11:25, 12:15.
•**Murder by Numbers** (R) 11
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 11:15, 11:40, 12:20, 12:45, 1:35, 2:25, 3:05, 3:30, 4:20, 4:50, 5:55, 6:20, 7:10, 7:40, 8:50, 9:10, 10, 10:30, 11:35, 12.
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 11:15, 12, 12:30, 1:30, 2:15, 2:50, 3:40, 4:25, 5:05, 5:50, 7:20, 8, 9:20, 10:05, 11:20, 12:10.
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 11, 11:20, 11:45, 12:10, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:35, 3, 3:25, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:25, 6:15, 6:40, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:05, 9:30, 9:55, 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12.
•**The New Guy** 11:10, 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:10, 10:25.
•**The Scorpion King** 7:25, 9:35, 11:45.
•**Unfaithful** (R) 11:50, 1:50, 2:50, 5:20, 7:05, 8:05, 10:45.

Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd. Castro Valley 510-582-2555
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 11:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:15

Chabot Space & Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland 510-336-7330
•**Mysteries of Egypt** (Not Rated) 12:30, 7:30.
•**The Living Sea** (Not Rated) 11:30, 2:30, 8:30.
•**To Be an Astronaut** (Not Rated) 10:30.

Elmwood 3

2966 College Ave. Berkeley 510-849-0530
•**A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 6:40
•**Gosford Park** (R) 2:55, 8:50
•**Kissing Jessica Stein** (R) 7
•**Lantana** (R) 4:40, 9:25
•**Monsters Ball** (R) 7:10
•**The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) 4:20, 9:20.

Fine Arts Cinema

2451 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley 510-848-1143
•**Burden of Dreams** (Not Rated) 9:05.
•**Hearts of Darkness** (Not Rated) 7:15

Renaissance Grand Lake

3230 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
•**About a Boy** (PG-13) 11:45, 2, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45.
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 12:15, 2:15, 4:20, 6:30, 8:30, 10:20
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 12, 3:15, 7, 10.
•**Unfaithful** (R) 1, 4:15, 7:30, 10:15.

Jack London Cinema

100 Washington Oakland 510-433-1320
•**Enough** (PG-13) 11:15, 2, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10.
•**Insomnia** (R) 11:20, 2:10, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40.
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 11, 11:30, 1:45, 2:10, 5, 7:15, 7:45, 10:30.
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 11:05, 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:40, 9:40.
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 10:30, 12:05, 12:35, 1:05, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45.
•**The New Guy** (PG-13) 4:30, 10.
•**Unfaithful** (R) 1, 4, 7:10, 10:20.

Hayward 9

19901 Hesper Ave. Hayward 510-785-8000
•**Enough** (PG-13) 11, 11:30, 1:50, 2:30, 4:30, 5, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20.
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 11, 11:50, 1:30, 2:10, 4, 4:40, 7, 7:30, 9, 9:30.
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 9, 9:45, 10:30, 12:15, 1, 2, 3:30, 4:20, 5:15, 7, 7:30, 9:30, 10, 10:30.
•**The New Guy** (PG-13) 11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 7:20, 9:40.
•**The Rookie** (G) 11:20.
•**The Scorpion King** (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:50, 10:10.

Naz 8 Cinemas

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 510-797-2000
•**Aankhen** (Not Rated) 5, 9
•**Company** (Not Rated) 5, 9
•**Hum Tumhare Hain Sanam** (Not Rated) 5, 9, 7, 9, 11, 12
•**Nam Tum Jaano Na Hum** (Not Rated) 5, 9, 7, 9, 11, 12
•**The Mystic Massacre** (PG) 5, 8, 11.

Renaissance Oaks Theatre

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-826-1836
•**Hollywood Ending** (PG-13) 8:30
•**The Rookie** (G) 5
•**Unfaithful** (R) 7:15, 9:45.

Parkway Theatre

1634 Parkway Blvd. Oakland 510-814-2400
•**Amelie** (R) 8:30
•**Changing Lanes** (R) 7, 9:45
•**Kissing Jessica Stein** (R) 9:15.

Piedmont Theatre

1634 Parkway Blvd. Oakland 510-843-3456
•**Monsoon Wedding** (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
•**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) 2:10, 7:10
•**The Cat's Meow** (PG-13) 4:40, 9:40.
•**Y Tu Mamá Tambien** (Not Rated) 5:40, 9:20, 10:20.

Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley 510-843-3456
•**About a Boy** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
•**Dogtown and Z-Boys** (PG-13) 3:50, 9:20
•**Enigma** (R) 2, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55.
•**Enough** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45
•**Insomnia** (R) 1:15, 2:15, 3:55, 5, 7, 7:45, 9:50, 10:15.
•**Italian for Beginners** (R) 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10.
•**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) 2:40, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15.
•**The Lady and the Duke** (PG-13) 1, 3:50, 6:40, 9:30.
•**The New Guy** (PG-13) 1:20, 6:45.
•**The Piano Teacher** (Not Rated) 3:40, 9:05

United Artists Berkeley

2274 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley 510-843-1487
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 12, 1, 3, 4, 7, 7:45, 10, 10:40.
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 10:15, 11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30.
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 10, 11, 1:10, 2:10, 4:20, 5:20, 7:30, 8:45, 10:45.
•**The Scorpion King** (PG-13) 11:30, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:10.

United Artists Emery Bay 10

6330 Christie, Emeryville 510-426-0107
•**About a Boy** 11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10.
•**Enough** (PG-13) 10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50, 12:30
•**Insomnia** (R) 10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7, 9:40, 12:20
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 10:30, 11:30, 1:20, 2:20, 5:10, 7, 8, 10:50, 12:30.
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 10, 11, 1:10, 2:10, 4:20, 5:30, 7:30, 8:45, 10:45, 12.
•**The New Guy** (PG-13) 4:10, 9:50
•**Unfaithful** (R) 11:10, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30

United Artists Hayward 6

24800 Hesper Ave. Hayward 510-786-3000
•**About a Boy** 12:30, 3, 5:20, 7:45, 10:15.
•**Insomnia** (R) 12:45, 1:15, 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20.
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 1, 1:30, 4, 4:30, 7, 7:30, 9:45, 10:10
•**Unfaithful** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10

Regal Hacienda Crossing

5000 Dublin Blvd. Dublin 925-588-9600
•**About a Boy** (PG-13) 11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10.
•**Enough** (PG-13) 10:30, 11:15, 1:15, 2, 4:10, 4:50, 7, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30.
•**Insomnia** (R) 10:10, 1, 1:40, 3:50, 4:30, 6:50, 7:40, 9:40, 10:30.

•**Murder by Numbers** (R) 10:50
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 11, 11:30, 12, 1:45, 2:20, 3, 4:30, 5:10, 5:45, 6:50, 7:15, 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, 10:40, 11:10, 11:30
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 10:20, 11:20, 12:30, 1:25, 2:40, 3:50, 5, 6:10, 7:10, 8:20, 9:20, 10:20.
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 10, 10:30, 11, 12, 12:30, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 7, 7:15, 7:30, 8, 8:45, 10:15, 10:30, 10:45, 11:15, 11:50.
•**The New Guy** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:15, 4:40, 7, 9:15
•**The Rookie** (G) 10:30, 1:15, 4.
•**The Scorpion King** (PG-13) 11, 1:20, 3:45, 6:10, 8:30, 10:45
•**Unfaithful** (R) 11, 11:30, 1:50, 2:20, 4:45, 5:15, 7:35, 8:05, 10:20, 11.

Regal Hacienda Crossing IMAX

5000 Dub-n Blvd. Dublin 925-803-4629
•**Space Station 3D** (Not Rated) 2, 5:30
•**Ultimate X** (PG) 11:30, 12:50, 3:10, 4:20, 6:50, 7:50

Vine Twin Theatre

1722 1st Street, Livermore 925-487-2545
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 4, 7, 9:45.

Cinemark Blackhawk Movies 7

4175 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville 925-736-0368
Call theatre for movies and times

Brenden Concord 14

1985 Willow Pass Rd. Concord 925-677-0450
•**About a Boy** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:30, 8, 10:20
•**Enough** (PG-13) 11:20, 2, 4:50, 6, 7:30, 8:40, 10:20, 11:15
•**Insomnia** (R) 10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 7:50, 9:40, 10:40
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 11:20, 12:30, 2:10, 3:30, 5:10, 8:10, 11
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 10:50, 11:50, 12:50, 1:50, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:40, 9.
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 11, 11:40, 12:20, 1, 1:40, 2:20, 3, 3:40, 4:20, 5, 5:40, 6:20, 7, 7:40, 8:30, 9:10, 9:50, 10:30, 11:10
•**New Guy** (PG) 12, 2:30, 4:40, 7:01, 9:20.
•**Unfaithful** (R) 12, 2:40, 5:20, 8, 10:40

Century 5 Pleasant Hill

2341 Melwood Blvd. Pleasant Hill 925-687-1100
•**Enigma** (R) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
•**Iris** (R) 3, 7:20
•**Italian for Beginners** (R) 12, 2:30, 4:55, 7:10, 9:30.
•**Monsoon Wedding** (R) 12:40, 5, 9:20
•**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) 11:45, 2:20, 4:45, 7, 9:15
•**Y Tu Mamá Tambien** (Not Rated) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40

Century 16 Pleasant Hill

125 Crescent Drive, Pleasant Hill 925-681-2000
•**About a Boy** (PG-13) 11:05, 1:35, 4:20, 7:30, 9:30.
•**Changing Lanes** 11:15, 1:30, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10
•**Enough** (PG-13) 11:20, 12, 2, 2:45, 4:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
•**Insomnia** (R) 11:50, 2:35, 5:15, 7, 7:55, 9:45, 10:40.

•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 11:15, 12:15, 2, 3, 4:50, 5:50, 7, 7:40, 8:40, 9:50, 10:30, 11:30
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 11:15, 12:15, 1:20, 2:30, 3:40, 4:40, 5:30, 7:40, 9:40, 9:45
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 11, 11:45, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 3, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:25, 6:15, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:30, 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12.
•**The New Guy** (PG-13) 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:20, 9:25
•**Unfaithful** (R) 11:15, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:35

Contra Costa Cinemas 5

555 Center Avenue, Martinez 925-228-9980
•**Insomnia** (R) 1, 4, 6:50, 9:40
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 12:45, 2:45, 5, 7:20, 9:20
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 10
•**Unfaithful** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10

Crow Canyon Stadium 6

2625 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon 925-820-4831
•**About a Boy** (PG-13) 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30
•**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) 12, 2:20, 7:40, 10.
•**Spider-Man** 10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 5, 7:15, 9:50
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 10:20, 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 6:45, 9.
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 10:40, 12:10, 2, 3:20, 5:10, 6:30, 8:30, 9:40.

Renaissance Orinda Theatre

4 Orinda Theatre Dr. Orinda 925-254-9000
•**About a Boy** (PG-13) 7:15, 9:45
•**Hollywood Ending** (PG-13) 8:30.
•**Spider-Man** (PG-13) 7, 9:30.
•**The Rookie** (G) 6

Rheem Theatre

330 Park St. Moraga 925-888-3411
•**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) 4:30, 7:15, 9:25
•**Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) 4:45, 7:30, 9:20
•**Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones** (PG) 3:30, 6:45, 9:45
•**Unfaithful** (R) 4:15, 7, 9:30

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•**Insomnia** (R) 7, 9:35

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•**About a Boy** (PG-13) 11:40, 12:30, 2:3

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...infant to his human tribe. ...Diego joins them. ...own agenda. The screen- ...patter has pop-culture ...and sophisticated ex- ...that may sail over the heads ...audience members. But kids ...will up much of the film. ... (PG: scenes of peril.) 1 ... minutes. **B**

...delicately evocative movie ...run you into a puddle of ...have any personal experi- ...Alzheimer's or dementia. ...of the four main actors in this ...are nominated for Oscars, ...so. Judi Dench plays ...is Murdoch in her later ...Alzheimer's begins to de- ...broken mind, while Kate ...plays her young and full of ...winner Jim Broadbent is ...as the older version of her ...John Bayley, who wrote the ...movie is based on. As ...Hugh Bonneville got left ...Oscar race, but only be- ...will just assume he's Broad- ...great makeup. Yes, the ...is devastating, but it's as much ...as it is about loss, and ...like this, what more incen- ...to see this film? — ... (R: Sexuality, nudity, some ...) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **A**

FOR BEGINNERS: ...of surprises, the latest of ...Dolby Digital 5.1, the Danish ...more known for being ...for being cheery, in- ...the concept of love and ...to the movement. Six ...people take Italian lessons one ...in Copenhagen and begin, ten- ...to grate toward each ...to get its fair share of de- ...elements, such as death, ...fatal alcohol syndrome and ...confusion, buried within the ...love and comedy. And it's in- ...a Dharma movie: murky ...But its still got the heart to ...through the chill of winter. — ... (R: language and some sex- ...) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **A-**

JESSICA STEIN: Here's ...news. This romantic com- ...two single women who ...each other out after growing ...and men is endearing, ...funny — often laugh-out- ...Now for the bad part: ...ing such insight in such a ...way, its ending is just too ... Jennifer Westfeldt and ...Larsen are charming ac- ...almost making you forget the ...ing. — C. Lemire. (R: sex- ... and language.) 1 hour, 36 ... minutes. **C+**

DISCOVERY: The discovery of a ...the theme for this movie, ...is just as much a police ...is a complex psychologi- ...into the nature and ...of marriage. The film fo- ...four couples, and with a ...by Anthony LaPaglia, ...and Barbara Hershey, ...ack for the intensity and ...to make its story convincing. ...people figure in the story at- ...that corpse. Although we ...get the information we ...of comes to us directly. ...Larsen feeds us knowl- ...and colloquially. This re- ...thoughtful drama makes it ...only how hard it is to come

by any emotional comfort in this life, but, more importantly, why we can't give up on the struggle. — K. Turan. (R: language and sexuality.) 2 hours. **A-**

"MONSOON WEDDING": An ac- complished and entrancing blend of comedy and drama from director Mira Nair ("Mississippi Masala"). Over four days, a flustered Punjabi patri- arch prepares for an arranged mar- riage between his only daughter and an engineer from Houston. Unfor- tunately the bride is still in love with her married lover, and her spinster cousin is about to drop a bombshell on the family. As thoroughly satisfying, sub- tle, steamy and balanced between serious and joyous as the best wed- dings actually are. — M. Pols. (R: lan- guage, including some sex-related di- alogue.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. **A-**

"MONSTER'S BALL": Loneliness hangs over the first half of director Marc Forster's movie like a sheet of rain: the loneliness of a single mother (Halle Berry), of a man going to the electric chair (Sean Combs) and a friendless racist who has just realized he has nothing to live for (Billy Bob Thornton). Berry and Thornton are both. A bleak and beautiful movie, and while the rain never stops, it does ease up, offering one of the most delicately redemptive stories we've seen since "Dead Man Walk- ing." — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content, language, violence.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **A**

"MURDER BY NUMBERS": A somber, slow-paced thriller from di- rector Barbet Schroeder, in which Sandra Bullock takes on a much darker character than usual. She plays a surly, sexually aggressive, arrogant homicide detective, the kind of woman who uses and abuses her cute new partner (Ben Chaplin) in and out of the work- place, and she's surprisingly good at this deviation from her customary girl-next-door parts. They're working their first case together, trying to crack a murder without a motive. The best reason to see this flick is for the two young men who play the teen-age suspects (Ryan Gosling and Michael Pitt, both of whom are likely to be among the best actors of their generation). — M. Pols. (R: violence, language, a sex scene and brief drug use.) 1 hour, 59 min- utes. **B**

"MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING": Toulia (Nia Vardalos) is considered a freak of nature in the Chicago Greek community because she's still single at 30. While working at her father's restaurant, she waits on a guy who's so gorgeous, he paralyzes her with awe — then inspires her to undergo a makeover. Ian (John Corbett), a high school teacher, falls for her, too. Her Old-Country parents don't approve of him at first; his WASPY parents treat her like she's from another planet. But because both families want their children to be happy, you know everything will work out in the end. Vardalos and Corbett together are likable enough to make this movie more tolerable than the average romantic comedy. — C. Lemire. (PG: sensuality and language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **C+**

"THE NEW GUY": DJ Qualls is Dizzy Gillespie Harrison, a James Brown- digging geek who is picked on in school. Then, a turn of events sends Diz, briefly, to jail. He's taken under the wing of Luther (Eddie Griffin), a veteran con. Luther teaches Diz what it takes to be street cool. Diz starts

going by "Gil," changes his wardrobe, gets a tattoo and enrolls in a new school. Gil's a dangerous dude and catnip to the ladies. No- body picks on him any more. But his remade image means he has less time for his nerdy pals. There are smart movies and funny movies on the subject of white kids taking on a black "gangsta" pose as an identity in high school, but this one is neither. — R. Moore. (PG-13: sexual content, language, humor, mild drug references.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **D**

"NINE QUEENS": It's sleight-of- hand filmmaking in this tricky — and yes, manipulative — thriller from Argentina that's preposterous and fun to watch. Two swindlers (Gas- ton Pauls and Ricardo Darin) meet by chance — or do they? — and hatch a plan that involves the sale and resale of some priceless stamps. Enter the prospective buy- ers, slythery creations who become entangled in this con game where naiveté may be the biggest bluff of all. — S. Holden. (NR) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **B**

"THE PIANO TEACHER": A mar- velloously twisted movie about a dan- gerously repressed Viennese piano teacher (Isabelle Huppert) and her relationship with a talented young student (Benoît Magimel). He thinks he's taking a musically gifted Mrs. Robinson on a voyage of discovery; instead, they embark on a cruise straight to hell on the good ship Sex Fetish. Be prepared: This isn't a pretty French film. The acting is in- credible, though, and this is one of the most realistic depictions of sexual aberration ever made. — M. Pols. (NR: but includes extreme scenes of sexuality and self-mutila- tion.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. **A**

"THE ROOKIE": Critics tend to com- plain a lot about the violence and stu- pidity that pervades American cin- ema, so you might wonder whether we then feel obliged to praise a G- rated movie like this baseball movie simply because it's squeaky-clean. Not so. "The Rookie" is a good movie not because of what it leaves out, but because of what it leaves in. It's got a quiet, gentle grace, decency and dig- nity. Dennis Quaid plays Jim Morris, a real pitcher whose career was cut short as a young man because of a shoulder injury. Now he's teaching high school chemistry and coaching the local version of the Bad News Bears. When his team makes a bet with him, he unexpectedly finds him- self with a fresh chance at the game he loves. The resolution of his re- lationship with his cold unfeling father (Brian Cox) is a bit pat, but this is a lovely family movie. Quaid gives a genuine, understated performance. Rachel Griffiths plays his wife; Angus T. Jones his beguiling son. — M. Pols. (G) 2 hours. **B+**

"THE SCORPION KING": There are two choices: You can laugh at The Rock or laugh with him as he poses, flexes, glowers and pile-drives his way through a string of violent dust- ups in ancient Egypt. The safe bet is you'll laugh with him. Reprising his brief role in last year's "The Mummy Returns," The Rock stars as Math- ayus, one of the last survivors of an ancient race of assassins. At its core, the movie is a doozy of a street brawl, fueled by The Rock's hulking presence. He's a physically riveting specimen who manages enough drollery in his delivery to convince au- diences that someone's actually home beneath all that muscle. — D. Germain. (PG-13: intense sequences of action violence and some sensual-

ity.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **C+**

"SPIDER-MAN": Not high art by any means, but still that rare thing, an event movie that leaves you feel- ing chipper, entertained and sated rather than ripped-off. Director Sam Raimi treats the material at hand with the loving, careful touch of someone who knows and treasures this bedtime story as much as we do, while Tobey Maguire makes such a compelling Peter Parker that it's a bit of a disappointment when- ever he puts on the mask to make an appearance as Spider-Man. The bunnies include product place- ments, the appearance of Macy Gray, hopelessly out of place, and some action sequences that bore a bit. — M. Pols. (PG-13: stylized vi- olence and action.) 2 hours, 1 minute. **B+**

"STAR WARS—EPISODE II: AT- TACK OF THE CLONES": As Yoda might say, still many questions, we have. The right questions, some of them are. Get you back to the theater for "Episode III," they will. Irritating, others are. Stand alone, "Attack of the Clones" doesn't. A better movie than "Phantom Menace," but still a far cry from its sprightly original "Star Wars" roots. Too computerized, too ponder- ous and at two hours and 22 min- utes, too long. Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) is such a brat, you'll question what Padmé (Natalie Portman) sees in him, but romance does blossom between them. — M. Pols. (PG: sustained sequences of sci-fi action/violence.) 2 hours, 22 minutes. **C+**

"ULTIMATE X": This 43-minute film skillfully unites the IMAX cameras with such visual spectacles as skateboarding, BMX biking, Moto-X and street luge competitions. A behind-the- scenes look at the 2001 X Games in Philadelphia that's both fun and excit- ing. — P. Wuntch. (PG: intense sports action, mild language.) 43 minutes. **B+**

"UNFAITHFUL": "Fatal Attraction" and "Indecent Proposal" director Adrian Lyne completes his trilogy of infidelity with this steamy bit of soft porn star- ring Diane Lane as a suburban housewife who strays on her staid husband (Richard Gere) with a French book dealer. Lane is fantastic, in and out of her many evocative sex scenes. But be warned: Like her, you'll pay for your pleasure in the movie's second half, a cautionary tale of reckoning. To its credit, Lyne has stayed true to "Unfaithful's" roots, a French movie called "La Femme In- fidèle," and left the ending a tad am- biguous. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, lan- guage and a scene of violence.) 2 hours, 3 minutes. **B**

"Y TU MAMÁ TÁBIÉN": A captivat- ingly truthful Mexican film about 10 teen-age boys and a sexy woman 10 years their senior on a road trip from Mexico City to a beautiful beach that may exist only in the boys' imagina- tions. Flush from their recent sexual adventures with their teen girlfriends, the boys (Diego Luna and Gael Garcia Bernal) are cocky, audacious, and sure they are ready for sex on the beach with a woman like Luisa (Mari- bel Verdú). Their true innocence is laid bare as the trip takes unexpected twists. The film manages to explore eroticism, class differences and the tumult of Mexico without a second of preachiness, and leaves us with the reminder that just because our eyes have been opened doesn't mean we won't slam them shut again. — M. Pols. (NR: explicit sexual scenes and very strong language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **A-**

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The well-regarded NBC pro- ducer, also an acclaimed play- wright, explains: "I don't think it's desirable, or even possible, to talk to, much less under- stand, someone who has geno- cidial intent, who wants to erad- icate you and everyone like you on religious, ideological, na- tionalistic, tribal or ethnic grounds because he sees you as subhuman, parasitical." "At a certain point," Overmyer says of apologists, "To 'understand' is to accept and excuse the unacceptable and the inexcusable. To 'ex- plain' mass murder is an im- possibility, finally; it can only be condemned, and the mur- derers defeated, disarmed, and brought to justice, if possible, or if not, destroyed."

Who says there aren't any smart people left in network TV?

A HIT AND AMISH: One of the strangest TV documentaries in years includes this line: "Amish kids have the best, biggest parties." A misprint, right? Actually, it's not. A docu- mentary premiering next Thurs- day, "Devil's Playground," is a rare look at a phenomenon called "rumspringa," a process during which Amish teen-agers are turned loose from their closed communities at 16 and allowed to experience the out- side world and sow some wild oats for a few years. (I'd never heard of the rumspringa, and I'll bet most of you hadn't, either.)

"Playground" debuts on cab- le's Cinemax Thursday at 8:30, and it shows Amish teens in Indiana smoking dope, drinking beer, and partying during their rumspringa. The Amish don't believe in baptiz- ing babies at birth, preferring that adherents join willingly when they're old enough to make an informed decision about committing to the Chris- tian sect for life.

It's a bizarre to see teen-age girls in Amish bonnets and long dresses, clutching beers and dancing to grunge. But the more

you watch this doc about these Amish kids hurling themselves into the excesses of American teen life, experiencing the "Eng- lish" world (as they call it), the more you see the wisdom in the church policy. The proof: Thurs- day's interesting film ends with a note claiming that 90 percent of Amish young people today eventually decide to re-join the church. That's the highest per- centage ever.

MEDIA NOTES: Speaking of local Emmies, KRON's 6 p.m. newscast won Best Local newscast last weekend, with KTVU's Leslie Griffith named Best Anchor.

"Because of her looks," says one Channel 2 colleague, a tough critic, "people underesti- mate Leslie. But she's very good, and a pleasure to work with."

Also winning a well-deserved Emmy: KTVU's indefatigable consumer reporter Tom Vacar, one of the best in the business, for his first-rate reporting on Cal- ifornia's energy crisis last year.

This guy's been bounced around more than a basketball: Eric Thomas is back as KRON- TV's morning news co-anchor. If my addition is right, it's Thomas' third shot in that morning spot.

PROGRAM NOTE: HBO's first-rate "Six Feet Under" is taking a week's breather this Sunday night. Its second HBO season concludes on June 2.

I used to like Rosie O'Don- nell when she was doing stand- up and occasionally did a shot on Letterman. But, since she's had her daytime show (which she gave up this week), she's become an annoying sycoph- ant, a super fan of every- thing in showbiz. But she's never been more obnoxious than during her Central Park gig Sunday night on CBS's "Survivor" finale, during which she asked one silly, superficial question after another.

Finally today, Jay Leno: "You know the most common thing said by guys waiting in line to see the new 'Star Wars'?" No, pray tell, what? "One, please."

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Insomnia

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what's going on around her. Dono- van isn't on the screen for long, but he makes enough of an im- pression to keep you from forget- ting Hap. We don't get to see enough of Maura Tierney, but we're grateful that she's there at all.

The real question about Will is, does he actually want to go over the edge? There are solid hints that he does, that guilt over Hap's death and a past trans- gression on the job are eating him up. He remarks at one point that he chews gum to stay awake, and you realize with a start that we've seen him gum- mity chewing it in bed, during times when we thought he was trying to get to sleep. He also does his best to map things out for Ellie, to give her the gift of figuring it all out.

There are certainly traces of "Memento" in this movie. As a hero, Will is cut from the same sort of cloth Leonard Shelby was, morally suspect, a good man ca- pable of doing bad things. And while this story is told from front to back, Nolan throws in a tan- talizing flashback every now and

again, a cut to a scene of blood soaking into a carpet, a man putting on plastic gloves in preparation for a crime. There's a nice payoff when you realize what it actually is.

He's also stayed loyal, bring- ing along his "Memento" cine- matographer, Wally Pfister, for this new gig, a favor that Pfister returns in spades by capturing Alaska in various exquisite lights. Inside the inn, everything is cast in amber, a fitting color to cap- ture time trapped in the cycle of day, while outside, Alaskan is mournful, lonely and gray.

This isn't Nolan's screenplay — newcomer Hillary Seitz adapted the script of the original 1997 Nor- wegian version of "Insomnia" — and that will likely have some "Memento" worshippers grumbling that it lacks the originality of that movie. Maybe so, but Nolan should still be proud. As a hot young director coming off a fresh, exciting breakthrough film, he's charged into some potentially treacherous waters — big budget movie, three Oscar winners in his cast, and a host of famous pro- ducers, including Steven Soder- bergh and George Clooney — and delivered a tight, smart, thoroughly engaging thriller.

Events

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RAILROAD STATE MODEL RAIL- ROAD MUSEUM — through Decem- ber. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads donated by the East Bay Model Railroad Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and mod- ern-powered freight and pas- senger trains operate in O, HO and N scale. Separate layouts, as well as model trolleys and trolley lines. Of particular interest is the Tehachapi Pass layout in N scale layout, showing how the multiple engine powerhouses and tunnels overpowered themselves to gain alti- tude on Tehachapi Summit just west of San Benito. In addition, the museum shows such famous railroad engines as Niles Canyon, Donner and the Oakland Mola where passenger passengers were fer- ried across San Francisco Bay from arriving trains. The displays are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bay Model Engineers Society. \$2. \$2.50 seniors and children un- der 12. \$7 family maximum. Sat- urch 12-5 p.m. 4000 University Ave., Richmond Regional Shoreline, 900-A Point Richmond, 510-235-7337 or www.gsmrr.org

MAGNES MUSEUM — "From To Everything There Is A Way." closing May 31. An exhibit that traces the seasons of the year through the seasons of life with ob- jects from the sacred and the profane, the provocative and the beautiful. Highlights from Jewish and Christian traditions such as Tibetan and American include treasures from the Himalayas and folk art, rare manuscripts, contempo- rary and traditional fine art, video, photography and cultural kitsch. Open through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 201 Russell St., Berkeley, 510-841-2120 or www.magnesmuseum.org

FREE POPS HOMMAGES — "Mas- terpieces by Guy Colwell," on-

going. A new museum of masterwork recreations of famous European paintings handpainted by master California artist Colwell. The paintings, which cover a wide spectrum of European paintings from Van Eyck in the 15th century to Picasso in the 20th century, are full-scale, faithful copies of works by famous artists of the past, created in an attempt to understand the secrets of these great artists. The museum does not have regular hours so call ahead when planning a visit. Free. 2028 9th St., Berkeley, 510-841-4210 or www.atelier9.com

THE OKALAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — "Scene in Oakland, 1852-2002: Artworks Celebrating the City's 150th Anniversary," through Aug. 25. An exhibition of paintings, drawings, watercolors and photographs dating from 1852 to 2002 featuring views of Oakland by 48 California artists.

"The Rustler Ranch Mastodon Project," ongoing. Visitors are invited to watch staff members of the Natural Sciences Department prepare a nearly complete mastodon for exhibit. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. SPECIAL EVENTS — Free with museum admission unless noted otherwise. "Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library.

TOURS — Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Art at the Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's per- manent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission. \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; sec- ond Sundays are free to all. Wednes- day through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Fri- day of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland, (888) OAK- MUSE or www.museumca.org

THE PARDEE HOME MUSEUM — The historic Pardee Mansion, a three-story Italianate villa built in 1868, was home to three generations of the Pardee family who were instrumental in

the civic and cultural development of California and Oakland. The home in- cludes the house, grounds, water tower and barn. Reservations recommended. \$5 general; free children under age 12. House Tours: Friday and Saturday, noon. 672 11th St., Oakland, 510-444-2187 or www.pardeehome.org

RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY — Permanent exhibits highlight Rich- mond's cultural, industrial and archi- tectural legacy.

"Shades of Richmond: Fifty Years of Family Photos," through Aug. 4. Pho- tographs copied from the personal photo collections of local families and chosen to represent the diverse ethnic communities that have made Rich- mond home in recent years.

"Places of Faith and Worship," ongoing. An exhibit documenting the history of the many churches that reflect Rich- mond's diverse cultures and lifestyles. Free. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 N. Main Ave., Rich- mond, 510-235-7337

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY ART MUSEUM — "New Knowledge: The 32nd Annual MFA Graduate Exhibition," through July 28. A selection of new work by Master of Fine Arts candidates. CLOSING — MATRIX 197: Sanford Biggers "Psychic Windows," closing June 2. Mixing stereotypical refer- ences to African American culture, 1970s process art, race politics, East- ern religions, and hip hop, Biggers ex- plores issues of transcendence, ur- ban culture, technology and black history in his new sculptures for this, his first solo museum show. Included is a work that transforms a mandala into a three-dimensional space.

"Kumar and Melamid's Asian Elephant Art and Conservation Project," through July 14. An extraordinary ex- hibition of paintings by elephants un- der the tutelage of Russian-born con- ceptual artists Vitaly Kumar and Alex Melamid. A collection of 50 paintings by 16 accomplished Asian elephants, formerly employed in the Thai logging industry, who were taught to paint by Kumar and Melamid when that indus-


try closed down.

CLOSING — "Masterworks of Chinese Painting: In Pursuit of Mists and Clouds," closing May 26. An exhibi- tion of 75 distinguished Chinese paintings drawn from the Ching Yung Chai (Cahill family) collections, con- sidered one of the finest collections in the Western United States. The col- lections represent virtually every pe- riod of Chinese paintings over the past 800 years. Included in the exhibit are major figure paintings and a se- lection of botanical and animal sub- jects. The strength of the collections, however, is in landscape paintings and many of these are on display.

CLOSING — "Marion Brenner: The Subtle Life of Plants and People," closing May 26. This exhibition consists of 60 long exposure black-and-white pho- tographs of plants and people by Brenner, a Berkeley photographer known for her exposure work. "Near and Far," through July 14. An ex- hibition of 60 works, selected from the museum collection, which explore the panorama of 19th century views from all reaches of the globe. Works in the exhibit range from pioneering photographs of Yosemite Valley to provocative paintings and graphics made in Brittany by Paul Gauguin, as well as Hiroshige's scenes of trav- elers in the shadow of Mt. Fuji.

"The Subject is Art: 1400-1800," through November. The exhibition reveals the breadth of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and sculpture in the UC Berkeley Art Museum collections. Among the 50 works of art featured are European religious paintings and prints, portraiture from the 16th and 17th centuries, Indian miniatures, and late 18th century American portraits. CLOSING — "Hans Hofmann: Real/Life," closing May 26. This exhibi- tion in the Museum's Hofmann Gallery explores the sources of Hof- mann's understanding of "the real" in abstract painting through compar- isons with works by other modern artists including Wassily Kandinsky, Robert Delaunay and Alexej von Jawlensky.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

■ **Berkeley Arts Magnet** students perform "The Lion King," at 7 p.m. May 30, 31, and June 4, and 5, at Whittier Arts Magnet Auditorium, 1645 Milvia St., Berkeley. One of only six schools throughout the state of California selected to receive both the California Distinguished Schools Award, and the Excellence in the Arts Award. The students, for the first time in 20 years, are presenting a musical as a single multi-media art event. Admission is free, reservations are required. For more ticket information, call 527-8369 or e-mail lionking@profecto.com.

■ **The Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble** and combos and the Lab Band perform at 7 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Florence Shawley Little Theatre, 1920 Alston Way. Tickets are available only at the door for \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors, BHS staff and students. The box office will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 548-8026 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleyhighjazz.org.

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatricCare at 531-7551.

■ **Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

■ **Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Cen-

ter. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

■ **The City of El Cerrito**, offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

■ **LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. In Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

■ **The Ann Martin Children's** Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lsinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

■ **"Theater Rats,"** Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education**: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

■ **Berkeley Boosters/Police Activities League** is "Bringing the Outdoors In," to celebrate and showcase youth from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Frances Albrier Community Center of San Pablo Park in Berkeley. "Bringing the Outdoors In" is a spaghetti fundraising dinner benefiting programs and

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| 28 High land | 14 Popsicle on a hot day? |
| 29 Goes off | 15 Opera set in Egypt |
| 31 Italian resort lake | 16 Hull part |
| 32 Some are English | 17 Whole slew |
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| 35 They may be related to people at sea | 22 Visiting locality |
| 36 Actress Lena | 23 It's a racket |
| 37 When doubted, he-di-da | 28 Bruckner's last symphony |
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scholarships for at-risk and low-income youth. Berkeley Boosters founded the program in 1983 to help deal with the problems that existed at that time between the police department and youth. For ticket and additional information, call Josephine at 845-7193.

■ **REI, East Bay Regional Park District** and East Bay Area Trails Council are hosting a trail maintenance project in Redwood Regional Park in the Oakland hills from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 1 with an optional camp-out Friday, May 31. Volunteer for a fun morning outdoors repairing damaged trails. No prior experience is necessary; the park staff provides all tools and super-

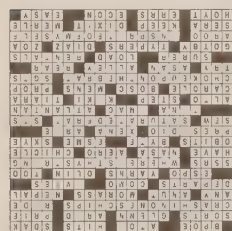
vision. Pre-registration is required. Group size is limited to 150. For more information or to pre-register for the event, call 527-7377.

■ **Visit six private gardens** in Berkeley and El Cerrito, as part of the Garden Conservancy's National Open Days Program. Visitors may begin their tour at the Harland Hand Memorial Garden, 825 Shevin Drive, El Cerrito, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$23 for all six gardens. In addition, the Ruth Bancroft Garden, 1500 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek, will be having a special Open Day event, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., \$5. No reservations are required, and the Open Day is rain or shine. For more informa-

tion, or to order the 2002 Open Days directory listing over 450 private gardens in 26 states open to the public, call The Garden Conservancy toll-free, 1-888-842-2442.

■ **The Berkeley Art Center**, 1275 Walnut St., hosts its 10th annual Youth Arts Festival through May 24. A city-wide celebration includes art, music, dance and poetry by talented youth

from the Berkeley Unified School District. A visual art exhibition includes paintings, drawings, ceramics and mixed media by middle and high school students. Admission workshops \$15. Call 848-0237 for scheduling and more information. See CALENDAR Pg. C6.



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Berkeley Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts hosts an informational and discussion session regarding dance opportunities in the Bay Area. The center opens its doors to the dance community and presents its plans for Dance Week 2002 and for future dance performances on the stage of Julia Morgan Theatre. The event is free. RSVP to Bridget Frederick at bridget@juliamorgan.org or by calling 845-8542, ext. 302. Visit the Web site at www.juliamorgan.org for more details.

Kensington Senior Activity Center meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers present the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRitti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for additional information.

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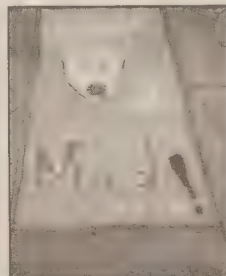
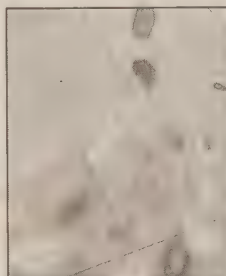
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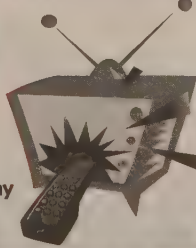
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Section D

Classic Classics: 1928 Hudson finds new owner [D4]

CHERYL JENSEN
Down the Road

Passenger cars
hold more
go than SUV

MOTOR MATTERS
The idea of packing up everybody for a summer get-together and taking the family's stout-looking utility vehicle, complete with their rugged image, is a common sight. But utility vehicles cannot carry as much weight as the family's stout-looking utility vehicle. But overloading by a couple of hundred pounds can cause problems, particularly by increasing a vehicle's handling in an emergency, Champion warned.

There is also the humiliation involved when some coupes, which have much cargo areas, have as much as a payload capacity.

Champion's New Beetle that was tested, for example, has a payload of 920 pounds, which is more than some mid-size SUVs tested by Consumer Reports.

Compare that to the Nissan Xterra with its maximum load capacity of 885 pounds and the Ford Excursion with its 840-pound

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2003 TIBURON is the production version of two earlier concept cars from Hyundai and its interior is comfortable with buttons and dials in all the right places.

New Hyundai Tiburon drives as good as it looks

MOTOR MATTERS

At times I simply enjoy just admiring the best-drive car in my driveway and recollecting. Such is the case with the 2003 Hyundai Tiburon, a sharp-looking sporty coupe.

Remembering how this car came into existence went back to the concept car that was introduced at the Detroit Auto Show in 1993 and another version at the New York Auto Show in 1996.

Those shows displayed the HCD and HCD II sports coupes that were real eye-catchers.

And now, the offspring of those showstoppers is sitting in my driveway waiting for me to take it for a spin.

The Tiburon has a stylish front, high-rising fenders, dual-type headlamps, and a contoured hood. Adding to its sporty appearance are a couple of fog lamps.

The low roofline indicates this coupe is a speedy little thing, and that thought is reinforced with the spoiler on the rear deck lid.

There isn't much difference in appearance between the Tiburon and those HCD concept cars that

TOM KEANE

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shocked the auto show crowds.

The original Tiburon hit the streets in 2000 but Hyundai wasn't satisfied as the 2003 model is all-new, including the platform.

The original model was built on the Elantra platform; this platform is made specifically for the Tiburon.

There are two models this year: Tiburon and the Tiburon GT V6,

which is my tester. This car is exciting because of the power produced by the V6 engine: 181 horsepower.

Actually, that's not tremendous power by any stretch of the imagination, yet my imagination ran away with me every time I got behind the wheel. I had the feeling I was in a genuine sports car.

It offered quick acceleration, and it held hard cornering like the best of them. However, the downside is, like most sports car, the rear seats have no leg room.

Another reason for enjoyment is

this car has a six-speed manual transmission that is a delight to shift and allows downshifting for better performance.

But for those who prefer, an automatic transmission is available.

Yet when driven in moderation, the Tiburon GT has an EPA fuel economy rating of 18 city, 26 highway. That's not too bad for a car costing \$20,492.

The base price is \$17,992, but there was an optional sports package on my tester that added \$2,000

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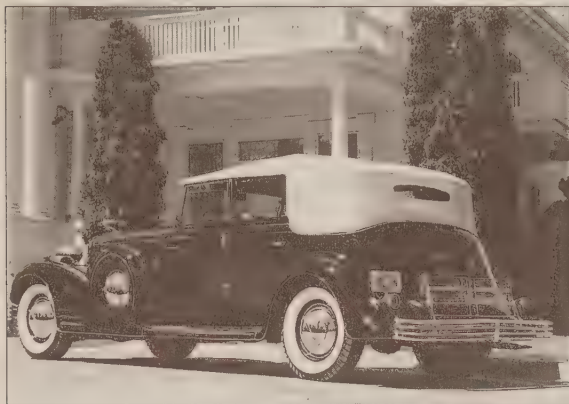
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VALLEJO — This year marks the 35th year for the popular Silverado Concours d'Elegance, one of the Bay Area's finest displays of priceless antique and classic cars, held for its third year on Mare Island in Vallejo.

This year's event on June 2 will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Cadillac automobile, with a large collection of cars, on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. under the shade trees of the mansions along historic officers' row.

"For only a \$15 entry fee, which includes the Concours program, attendees will view American and foreign exotic cars and other vehicles built between 1899 and 1970," says Pat Brown, event co-chair.

"We will also have some special cars on display like a 1926 Pierce Arrow entered by classic car enthusiast Bob Brogden, who will be 94 this July."

Brogden of Napa has a special affection for his Pierce Arrow open touring car, to which many major milestones in his life are connected. He proposed in it, took his new wife on their honeymoon in it, and drove his wife to the hospital for the birth of both their children.

He purchased this car in 1934 at a used car lot in Oakland, where he traded his Dodge touring car plus \$165 to acquire it. He has restored it to its original beauty and driven it for more than 300,000 miles.

Brogden also started the Northern California Region of the Pierce Arrow Society in 1971.

"This year promises to be one of the largest showing of cars in the history of this event," adds George Teebay, entry committee chair.

"There are over 220 cars entered for judging and more than 75 additional vehicles and motorcycles to view. A highlight of this year's show will be Al Jolson's 1933 Cadillac V16 All-Weather Phaeton from the National Automobile Museum in Reno."

Cadillac Motor Car Company's first V-type engine design was introduced in October 1914. In its quest for highest engine performance, Cadillac experimented for more than three years with a V16 engine design.

The new 16-cylinder Cadillac made its first public appearance at the 1930 New York Automobile Show.

However, Cadillac sales dropped yearly during the Depression, which devastated the luxury car market. Cadillac's worst year was 1933 and it announced only a limited number of V16s would be produced.

Serial numbers would range from 1 to 400 and the owner's name and serial number would be engraved on a special plate attached to the car.

Jolson, a famous singer and movie star in the 1920s and 1930s, ordered the five-passenger All-Weather Phaeton in 1933. It was Cadillac's most expensive model that year, priced at \$8,000. Of an anticipated 400 V16s, only 126 were produced in 1933 and Jolson's car was number 56.

Doug McConnell, host and senior editor of "Bay Area Back Roads," the highest rated non-news TV program in the market, will be this year's Grand Marshal. McConnell has worked full-time in television since 1982.

He has created, produced and hosted many series, special programs and news projects for local, national and international distribution. He is the recipient of numerous broadcast awards, including Emmys, an Iris and a Gabriel.

Proceeds from the Silverado Concours d'Elegance are donated to Bay Area non-profit organizations.

For more information on the event, contact the Vallejo Visitors and Convention Bureau at 707-642-3653 or visit www.silveradoconcours.com.

Shriners' Concours; Towe Museum sets annual auction

TOWE AUTO MUSEUM

SACRAMENTO — Two Sacramento institutions with different purposes are banding together for two major fund raisers on the weekend of June 7-9.

The Towe Auto Museum is conducting its sixth annual Collector Car Auction on Saturday, June 8, at the Museum, 2200 Front St. A preview party will be held there that Friday night.

Proceeds will go to support the museum and care of the cars on display, plus operating costs for the facility.

The Ben Ali Shriners will hold their ninth annual Shriners Hospital Concours d'Ele-

gance on Sunday, June 9, on the grounds of the hospital at Stockton Boulevard and Y Street.

A Sports and Collector Car Tour will be held in the Sacramento area that Saturday and the Grand Marshal's Gala Dinner and Auction is set for that night.

All proceeds will go to the hospital, whose staff provides "tender loving care" without charge to qualified children who suffer from orthopedic conditions, spinal cord injuries or burns.

This marks the second year in a row the two institutions have scheduled their collector car events on succeeding days to give classic-car enthusiasts the whole weekend to be in Sacramento for both fund raisers and related events.

More than 100 cars are expected in the auction, which will be conducted starting at 10 a.m. by Mount Shasta Auction Services LLC. The fees are \$99 with No Reserve and \$200 with Reserve.

The bidder's fee is \$20 which includes two VIP passes and reserved seating.

Spectator admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children, according to Kristin Hartley, museum director. For more information, phone the museum at 916-442-6802 or fax at 916-442-2646 or visit www.toweautomuseum.org on the Internet.

General chairman Wally Clark said that Shriners activities begin at 11 a.m. that Saturday with the tour for sports and collector cars.

The entry fee is \$30 which includes lunch for two. The tour will end by 3 p.m.

The gala dinner and auction will be held between 6 and 11 p.m. in a special reception area next to the hospital. Tickets are \$35 per person.

The Concours, which opens at 9:30 a.m. on June 9, is sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America, San Francisco Region, which will provide judges for the SCCA classes. Some marque and specialty classes will be judged by car club judges.

Open wheel race cars will be featured this year along with a Porsche Club of America Regional Concours. The entry fee is \$20.

General admission is \$10 for adults. Children younger than age 16 will be admitted free with an adult.

Entry information may be obtained from registrar Marie Wood at 916-685-1615.

General information about all the Shriners' events may be obtained by telephoning 916-920-4107 or visiting them on the Web at www.shrinersconcours.com.

Sears Point hosts classic cars

SEARS POINT RACEWAY

SONOMA — The 16th annual Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge Wine Country Classic Vintage Car Races return to Sears Point Raceway next week with a variety of activities.

Festivities begin Wednesday with Hot Rod Drag Racing.

This event, held in conjunction with the weekly Wednesday Night Drags program, allows owners to bring their pre-1973 vehicles to the raceway to compete on the famed quarter-mile drag strip. The racing runs from 3 to 10 p.m.

Next weekend vintage cars including Jaguar, Porsche, Corvette, Ferrari, Bugatti and Alfa Romeo will drive the 12-turn, 2.52-mile circuit.

For the first time, the weekend will feature three classes of historic machines — Trans-Am muscle cars such as Camaro and Firebird; FIA Manufacturer Championship Cars such as Porsche and McLaren; and the vintage Formula One cars from Tyrrell and Williams.

The open paddock allows fans to talk to drivers and view these classic machines throughout the race day on June 1.

Complementing the vintage cars on the track, the Wine Country Classic also features a food and wine pavilion, offering some of Sonoma Valley's finest vineyards.

Located on the grassy area behind Turn 11, fans can sample wines and food from local restaurants.

Following Saturday's track activities, fans are invited to the Sonoma Valley Vintage Race Car Festival.

Thirty vintage race cars will parade from Sears Point to Sonoma Square where they will drive around and then park in Sonoma Plaza. Besides the car display, there will be wine tasting and a selection of gourmet foods.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau and the Education Foundation.

Ticket information is available by calling 1-800-870-RACE or from www.sears-point.com or www.tickets.com.

Road

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payload or the Ford Focus wagon and its 880-pound payload.

Other interesting comparisons:

A Volkswagen Jetta GLS has a payload of 1,050, whereas a GMC Envoy SLE sport utility can carry 1,090 — only 40 pounds more.

The Audi allroad station wagon with its payload of 1,280 can carry 15 pounds more than the Acura MDX sport utility.

"The average person sees a big sport utility with a lot of space in the back. They put four people in and a load of camping gear and stuff on the roof, and they have no idea that they are overloading the vehicle," Champion said.

"Any five-seat sport utility vehicle that doesn't carry at least 1,000 pounds isn't doing the job right," he contends.

It's not only what people put inside their SUVs that can cause overloading. Payload is further reduced by what people put on the roof and what they tow.

Payload is reduced by the amount of weight a trailer exerts on the vehicle's tow ball. This is called "tongue" weight and is customarily 10 percent of the weight a vehicle is towing, which means a vehicle towing 3,500 pounds can carry 350 pounds less in payload.

Safety risks associated with seriously exceeding payload capacity include the increased risk of a rollover. A taller, narrower vehicle such as an SUV with its higher center of gravity is more likely to roll over.

Any passenger or cargo weight that is loaded above a vehicle's natural center of gravity, which is the floor of a vehicle, will raise its center of gravity. Overloading raises the center of gravity even more.

In addition to making a vehicle unstable, overloading puts a heavier load on the brakes, adversely affecting a vehicle's handling, and can lead to tires blowing out, particularly if the tires are underinflated, Champion said.

Although figuring payload sounds simple enough — take a vehicle's "gross vehicle weight rating" and subtract its "curb weight" — it isn't.

A vehicle's gross vehicle weight rating is generally found on a sticker in the door jamb. It is the total weight of the loaded vehicle.

Loaded includes the estimated weight of occupants and cargo and the vehicle's curb weight.

Curb weight is defined as the weight of the vehicle with its standard equipment and

Keane

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— plus the usual shipping and handling.

As a base model, the car is well equipped. In addition to the V6 engine, it has power rack-and-pinion steering, sport-tuned suspension, four-wheel disc brakes, dual exhaust and 17-inch alloy wheels.

The package also includes some luxurious treatment, such as power windows and door locks, heated sideview mirrors, leather seats matching the leather-wrapped steering wheel, plus the other usual amenities of air conditioning, cruise control, keyless remote and an Infinity six-speaker sound system with AM/FM cassette and CD player.

Not only did I feel comfortable behind the wheel, I didn't have to read the driver's manual to figure out the purpose of the buttons, dials and levers. Lately, some manufacturers seem bent on designing confusing cars.

With the Tiburon, everything was exactly where it should be and I immediately felt right at home.

My test drives are never long enough to find out how well a vehicle holds up, nor do I smash them to see how they crumble. But I do know that the Tiburon comes with front and side airbags, and has one of the best warranties in the business, plus 24-hour roadside assistance for five years.

That's one reason why Hyundai is successful. Another reason: They've designed a car that makes a driver stop to gaze at it and enjoy the sight.

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Vehicle Type	Four-passenger, front-wheel drive two-door coupe
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Torque	77 at 4,000 rpm
Transmission	Six-speed manual
Wheelbase	100 inches
Tread	(F/R) 59/59 inches
Overall Length	173 inches
Overall Width	69 inches
Height	52 inches
Turning Circle (curb-to-curb)	36 feet
Curb Weight	3,023 pounds
Fuel Capacity	14 gallons
Mileage	18/26 city/highway
Strong Feature	Styling
Weak Feature	Rear seat leg room

a full tank of gasoline. Ideally, the curb weight is subtracted from the gross vehicle weight and what's left is what the manufacturer says can be carried in people and cargo.

One problem is that most manufacturers do not post the curb weight figure on the vehicle or in the owner's manual. Even when they do, it may be a general curb weight and not the curb weight of a specific vehicle, which varies with the amount of equipment.

Sunroofs and four-wheel-drive systems all add to a vehicle's curb weight, which is deducted from the gross vehicle weight to

come up with the payload. Those manufacturers who have provided the information have often not-too-helpful suggestions, such as "ports found."

Some have suggested weighing a vehicle at a shipping company or station, a carryover from the days when trucks were used for work, not for family and their possessions on vacation.

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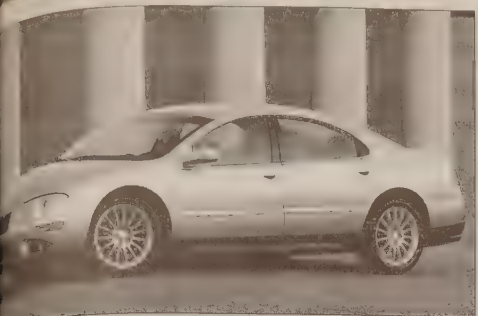
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CHRYSLER'S NEW 300M is a special car with lots of power, but its ride isn't quite as smooth as the European six-cylinders.

Chrysler 300M Special not special enough for the price

BY STEVEN COLE SMITH
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

The 300M is a two-door, overlooked sporty car. As a new model for 2002, the 300M is a lot more of an already good car.

But good. The 300M is essentially a shortened-up version of the Chrysler Concorde. The Chrysler designed the 300M, it's a "five-meter" car, and it's more of an already good car.

Chrysler cars are easier to sell there than in the U.S. But the 300M is a lot of noise in Europe.

Chrysler continues to be a very nice car. There is plenty of room for five people, and the shorter wheelbase makes it more maneuverable around corners.

Chrysler's reduced length was taken from the rear, which appeared a bit odd at first, but, after being on the road for a few years, now looks just fine.

Chrysler's length, the 300M's trunk is 16.8 cubic feet of room — the Concorde's 18.7 cubic feet, more than adequate.

Under the hood, the regular 300M has a 200-hp, 3.5-liter V6, with a four-speed automatic transmission.

The 300M Special, it's the same engine, but with more horsepower. The Special has a slightly stiffer suspension, big 245/45ZR-18 tires and standard 17-inchers; and standard discharge headlights.

In addition to the Special are inside,

including an excellent Infinity stereo with 11 speakers, tilt-down outside mirrors (they tilt down as you are backing up, to show curbs), and a comfortable, deluxe leather-trimmed interior.

That said, the regular 300M is no slouch when it comes to standard features.

Even in standard trim, it gets a leather interior, an Infinity sound system with AM/FM and a compact disc player, and full power-operated equipment.

On the road, the 300M was designed to have a European feel, and for the most part, it does. The four-wheel disc brakes are excellent, handling is crisp, and the ride, though firm, is never punishing.

The engine isn't quite as smooth as the better European six-cylinders, but it isn't far behind.

Power is plentiful, and on the highway, we were able to slightly beat the EPA-estimated 26 miles per gallon.

As nice as the 300M Special is, I'm not sure it's worth the extra money over the regular 300M.

The base price for the 300M Special is \$31,940, about \$3,500 over the regular 300M. With a sunroof (\$890), side air bags (\$390), a "Cold Weather Group" (\$40) and \$655 in destination charges, the bottom line for the test car was \$33,920.

When you're nearing \$35,000, you are in neighborhood populated by such excellent cars as the Lincoln LS, BMW 330i, and a couple of Lexus and Infiniti models.

Feature-for-feature, the 300M is a match for most, but I'd be looking for a healthy discount on the aging Chrysler.

Brand names matter when renewing engine

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Q I'm thinking of renewing the V8 engine in my '82 Chevy pickup, which has 184,000 miles.

Can you explain the difference between a short block, a long block and a crate motor? I'm leaning toward a higher-performance engine and have heard crate motors are the way to go.

Allen Talbot
Sacramento, Calif.

A There are a multitude of choices available when it comes to repowering your truck.

If downtime will be a problem, renewing the engine with a remanufactured or new replacement unit can make things go a lot quicker than having your existing one rebuilt.

Both new and remanufactured engines might be purchased as a short block, which consists of the cylinder block, crankshaft, connecting rods, pistons and, in most cases, the camshaft and timing gear assembly.

This is a good choice if you wish to purchase a particular type or brand of cylinder head or plan on rebuilding your existing heads.

In most cases a new or remanufactured long block is the way to go. This is essentially a short block with cylinder heads attached.

Long blocks generally do not include bolt-on items such as a flywheel, balancer, water pump, intake and exhaust manifolds, and sheet metal covers, as they are transferred from the original engine or replaced.

A crate engine is generally a new replacement (often of higher performance) unit manufactured by GM or an after-market company.

Some higher-priced crate engines come complete with manifolds, distributor, a carburetor or fuel injection, or are part of a conversion kit.

If you're considering a remanufactured engine, look for brand-name internal components and gaskets and a comprehensive warranty.

BRAD BERGHOLDT
Auto QnA

For GM remanufactured, new or crate engines, check out Pace Performance on the Web at www.paceparts.com for ideas, then give your local dealer, parts store, or machine shop a chance to compete for your business.

If you're aiming for higher performance, be sure the engine and parts are emissions legal.

Q I just bought a '93 Mercury Topaz and the car occasionally won't start in park. (The key just turns and nothing happens.)

I move the gearshift to neutral and wiggle it a bit and it starts fine. Sometimes I have to go back and forth a couple of times between park and neutral and then it starts.

Of course, when I brought it in to the mechanic, he couldn't duplicate the problem. I'd like to fix it permanently.

Can this be fixed without duplicating the problem?

Richard Davis
Edmonds, Wash.

A I'm not one to throw parts at a car, but in this case it seems like you've done all the diagnosing that needs to be done.

If wiggling the shifter will consistently restore starter operation, it's time to check the shift linkage adjustment and/or renew the park/neutral position switch.

This part is located on the rear side of the automatic transaxle.

Your car also might fall under the tail end of the Ford ignition switch recall, so check on that.

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1928 Hudson sedan owner pleased with car's performance

MOTOR MATTERS

During the summer of 1996 Karl Anderson wanted to take part in the well-known Glidden Tour of antique automobiles but did not have a car bid enough to qualify.

When he learned of the availability of a 1928 Hudson Super Six Custom Landau Sedan, he leapt at the chance and purchased the four-door sedan. This car was in unrestored, original condition.

Anderson believes that he is the third owner of the Hudson. With his wife, Dorothy and another couple, Anderson drove to York, Pa., in August 1996 to take possession of the five-passenger sedan.

The car has a pop-out ignition switch similar to that on a Model A Ford. The 288-cubic-inch, six-cylinder engine was coaxed to life, and with Anderson behind the four-spoke steering wheel, the 3,780-pound Hudson was soon on the way to its new home near Berryville, Va.

During the drive came a down-pour, Anderson recalls, "The wiper forgot how to work." An occasional half hearted swipe of the reluctant wiper cleared the windshield enough so that Anderson could proceed. The engine ran fine all the way home though, he remembers.

The Hudson is from an era when motorists actually had to work to drive the car. In order to start the car, the driver must adjust the spark and throttle levers near the horn button at the hub of the steering wheel.

Anderson displays an oil can under the hood next to the left side of the tail engine. He explains that not a drop of the 7 quarts of oil ever gets to the top of the engine.

Consequently, the driver uses the can to add oil every 500 miles

VERN PARKER Classic Classics

to fill the 6 oil cups atop the engine. Each cup holds about a shot glass of oil. A felt wick, Anderson says, siphons the oil down to the working parts of the engine.

Toward the right side of the dashboard is a carburetor heat control knob that must be adjusted as the heat of the engine changes. The knob has five settings: hot, warm, medium cool, and cold.

At the left end of the dashboard is a motor-heat-control knob that mechanically adjusts the shutters in front of the radiator. While the driver has to contend with these controls, he also has to manipulate the cowl vent, as well as the adjustable windshield to keep the passengers comfortable.

In severely cold weather, passengers could stay warm with the help of a lap robe, which was usually hanging from the robe rail on the back of the front seat.

The driver could insulate the engine by snapping a weather front which covered the louvers on each side of the engine hood. Six holes around the perimeter of the louvers are there for that purpose.

Fourteen-inch mechanical drum brakes, both front and rear, on 12-spoke wood wheels halt the heavy Hudson. Each wheel features a 2-inch-wide internal expanding shoe. The emergency hand brake sprouts from the floor up to the driver's left knee.

A pair of glove compartments at ankle height is wedged into the side kickboards on both sides of the car beneath the dashboard. Both rear doors have convenient pockets.



OWNER BOUGHT this unrestored 1928 Hudson four-door sedan so that he could participate in the Glidden Tour for antique automobiles. It now has 82,000 miles and still runs smoothly.

The chrome landau bars are mere decoration, as the black landau leather material covering the roof and upper quarters cannot be lowered. Still, they add a stylish touch, as does the trunk attached to a rack at the rear. Under the trunk is a 12.9-gallon fuel tank.

The big 31x6.00-inch tires mounted on 19-inch wheels support the car on a 127 3/8-inch

wheelbase and provide a comfortable ride. The owner's manual boasts that the car can be turned in 21 feet.

The black fenders match the top, while the body is green with a cream-colored panel under the windows. The Weed Co. manufactured the unusual bumpers.

A single taillight was standard in those pre-turn signal days. An extra

charge was assessed for name brands, such as a Stewart-Warner speedometer and vacuum tank, Prest-O-Lite battery, Marvel carburetor, King Seely gas gauge, E. A. Laboratories horn, and Goodyear tires.

Since the Hudson performed flawlessly on the Glidden Tour, a five-day tour with a 125-mile trip scheduled each day, the proud

owner is anticipating the Glidden Tour.

Even though the car is nearing 82,000 miles, Anderson envisions

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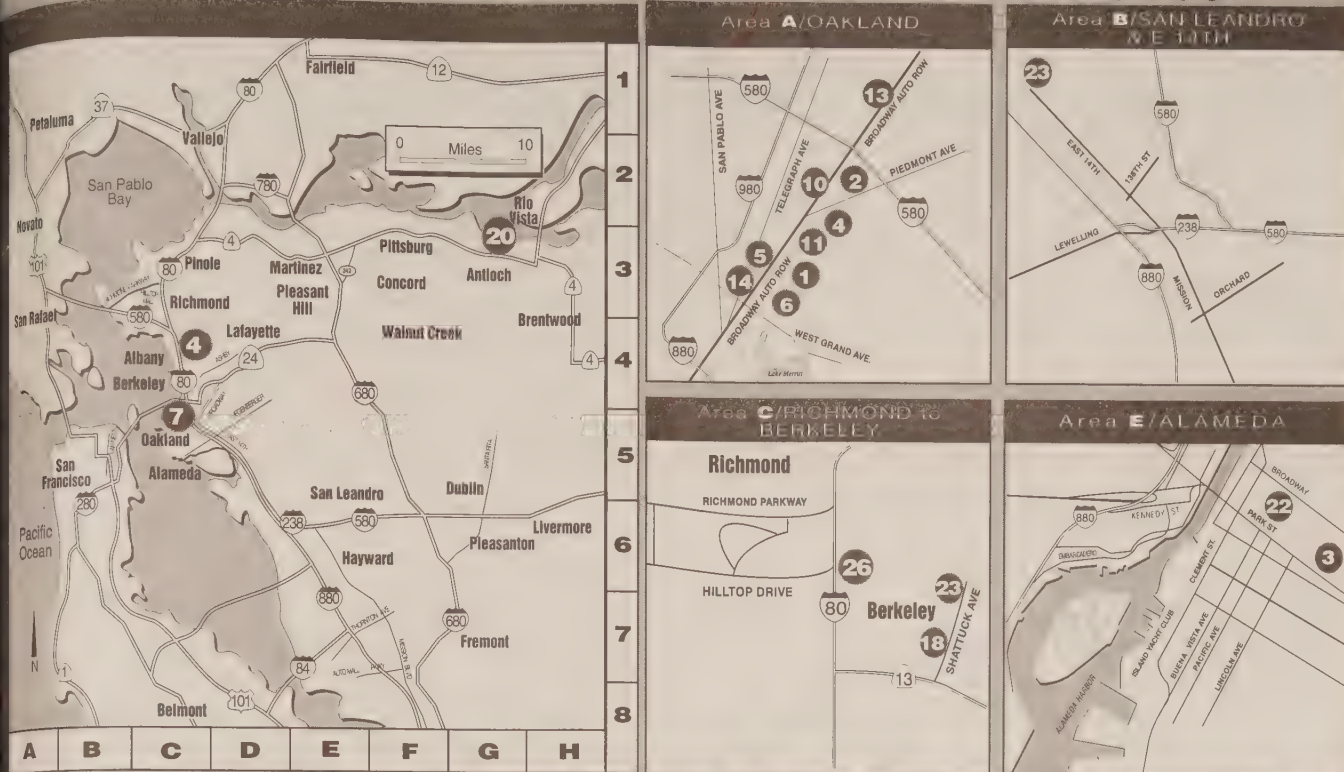
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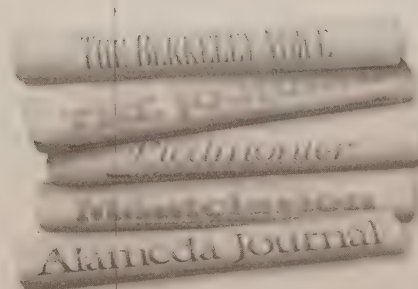
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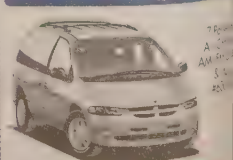
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In her new book, "Cooking Thin With Chef Kathleen," (Houghton Mifflin; \$27), you won't find nutritional information with the 200 recipes or any calorie counts — a liberating, but controversial move. Many fans are supportive, but some are mad.

"It's not a diet book. I'm not a nutritionist, and I didn't lose weight that way (by counting calories)," she explained. Her focus is on teaching people eating and cooking tips to incorporate into everyday life. People need to learn how to make good food choices and get through life without access to numbers, she added.

To lose weight and get fit, you've got to eat right, exercise and make up your mind to do it, said Daelemans.

"If you want change, make change. You can't get to the finish line if you don't take the first step."

The following recipes are from "Cooking Thin With Chef Kathleen."

FLANK STEAK AND ROASTED VEGETABLES WITH CRISPY POTATOES

1 (1 1/4-pound) flank steak
Coarse-grained salt and cracked black pepper
1/3 cup fresh lime juice
2 large potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 yellow squash (such as crook-neck), cut into 1/2-inch slices
1 zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch slices

1 large red bell pepper, cored, seeded and cut into quarters
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1/3 cup loosely packed, chopped fresh herbs (such as basil, parsley and mint)

Season steak with salt and pepper and place in a sealable plastic bag. Add lime juice; refrigerate 1 hour.

Place potatoes in a plastic bag with 1 tablespoon oil, salt and pepper. Shake to coat. Arrange potatoes in a single layer on baking sheets. Bake in preheated 425-degree oven 24 to 26 minutes, turning once at the halfway point.

Place yellow squash, zucchini and red pepper in a plastic bag with remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Shake to coat and arrange in a single layer on a baking sheet; season with salt and pepper on each side. Bake 16 minutes, turning each vegetable halfway through.

Preheat broiler to high. Place steak on a broiler pan. Broil, turning once, to desired doneness, 7 to 9 minutes for medium rare. Let steak rest 10 minutes and then cut into thin slices.

Divide cooked potatoes among serving plates in a single layer. Cut roasted peppers into strips and place with remaining vegetables in a large salad bowl with steak slices. Add vinegar and herbs and toss until well combined. Taste and adjust seasonings. Serve on top of potatoes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

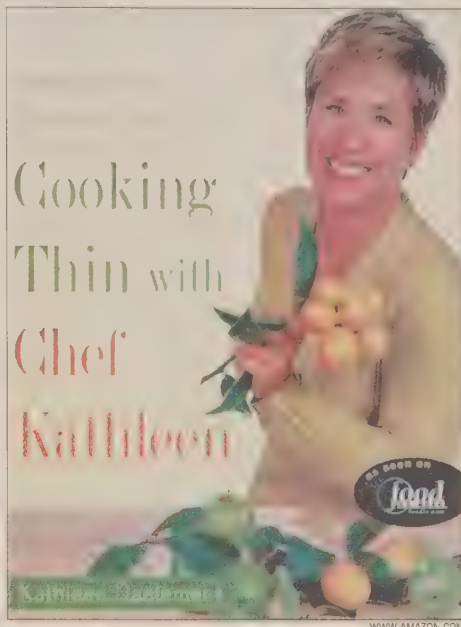
GREEN BEAN FRITTATA WITH PARMESAN CHEESE

2 large whole eggs
8 large egg whites
1/2 teaspoon coarse-grained salt
1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper
2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 pound green beans, trimmed, cooked and cut into 1-inch pieces
3/4 cup loosely packed, coarsely chopped basil leaves
1/4 cup thinly shaved Parmesan cheese

Preheat broiler. In a large bowl, whisk whole eggs, egg whites, salt and pepper.

In a 10-inch nonstick skillet with an ovenproof handle, heat oil over medium-high heat. Pour egg mixture into pan. Add green beans and basil. Using a heat-proof spatula, slowly stir eggs in a figure-eight motion until just beginning to set on edges. Reduce heat to medium-low. Continue cooking, occasionally sliding spatula around edges of pan to let raw egg flow underneath, until frittata is set on bottom and almost set on top, about 4 minutes.

Lay Parmesan over frittata, place pan under preheated broiler, and cook just until top is set and cheese is golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes more. Garnish with edible flowers, if desired. Makes 4 to 6 servings.



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Line a 9x5-inch loaf pan with plastic wrap, letting 3 inches hang over on all sides. Press plastic wrap into pan, leaving no air pockets.

Trim bread slices to fit pan and place a single layer in pan bottom. Using a slotted spoon, place a generous single layer of fruit over first layer of bread.

Dip second layer of bread slices into pan with berries for half a minute per side to soak up excess fruit juices. Place over berry layer. Repeat with 2 more layers of fruit and bread, finishing with a layer of bread. Top with remaining juices.

Finished pudding should be above top of pan so that when it's weighted down it will compact and absorb all juices.

Fold over excess plastic wrap and cover loosely with additional plastic wrap as needed. Place loaf pan on a rimmed baking sheet to catch any overflowing juices. Cover with a second baking sheet and place several heavy cans on top to press and weight down pudding. This allows berries to release all their juices into bread and forces

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Stir in tomatoes, salt and pepper to taste. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until sauce has slightly thickened, stirring occasionally, 10 to 15 minutes.
Taste and adjust seasonings. Add basil and simmer 1 minute more.
Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions in rapidly boiling water until al dente. Drain pasta and season with salt. Serve sauce over cooked pasta and stash leftover sauce in freezer for another meal. Makes 6 servings.

GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH WITH ONION, TOMATO AND ARUGULA
8 thin slices large ripe tomato
Coarse-grained salt and cracked black pepper

1/4 cup loosely packed, chopped basil leaves
2 teaspoons olive oil
12 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded thin (1/4- to 1/2-inch thick or to size of bun)
4 thick slices sweet onion (Mauli, Walla Walla or Vidalia)
8 thick slices whole-grain or Italian bread
1 clove garlic, peeled
2 cups lightly packed, trimmed arugula or baby lettuce leaves
4 teaspoons fresh lime juice
Arrange tomato slices on a platter. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with 1/2 of

chopped basil; set aside. Let stand up to 1 hour but not much longer or tomatoes will become watery.
Preheat broiler. Season chicken generously with salt and pepper to taste.
In a 10-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. When it is hot but not smoking, add chicken to pan and cook until golden brown, about 3 minutes per side.
Remove and set aside. Add onions to pan and cook until golden and tender. When chicken has cooled, slice it thinly.
Toast bread on a baking sheet

under broiler — this happens quickly, so watch carefully. Rub one side of each toasted slice with garlic clove.
Place 1 slice of bread on each plate and arrange a bed of arugula or lettuce on each slice.
Divide sliced chicken into 4

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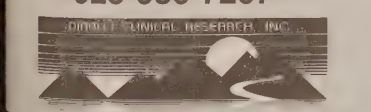
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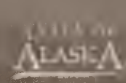
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BY CAROL MIGHTON HADDIX
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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Chef Paul Prudhomme is a master of this method. He uses it for

many of his Cajun recipes for gumbo, jambalaya and etouffee. Each new addition builds on the flavors of the last. For example in a gumbo, cook the onion, celery and green peppers over high heat until they are just beginning to brown.

Then add the seasoning mixture and cook, stirring, until it becomes fragrant. Add any pieces of meat

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Monte Cristo and red chard with apples

BY ANDY BADEKER
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Monte Cristo is a rich, savory handful. In fact, it's more a knife-and-fork situation. This version starts with thick slices from an oversize "French" loaf of sourdough and stars ham. We've paired it with a sweet-tart saute of chopped apples and red chard.

MONTE CRISTO AND CHARD RED WITH APPLES

Sandwiches:
4 ounces each: thinly sliced ham, Swiss cheese
4 slices (each 1/4-inch thick) day-old sourdough bread
2 eggs
1/4 cup milk
1/4 teaspoon each, optional: crushed dried thyme, salt, freshly

ground pepper, hot pepper sauce
2 tablespoons butter
Chard and apples:
1 bunch red chard, stalks separated from leaves, both chopped
2 teaspoons each: butter, canola oil
1/2 teaspoon sugar, optional
1 tablespoon balsamic or cider vinegar
■ For the sandwiches, layer the

ham and cheese between the bread slices. Beat eggs in a pie plate with the milk, thyme, salt, pepper and pepper sauce. Melt butter in electric skillet set at 300 degrees or large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Place sandwiches in egg mixture; turn to coat both sides. Transfer to skillet. Pour any remaining egg mixture over sandwiches. Cook until well-browned on one side, about 5 minutes; turn. Cook until cheese has

melted, about 5 minutes.

■ Meanwhile, for the chard, melt butter with oil in large non-stick skillet. Add apples and chard stems;

sprinkle with sugar. Cook, stirring, until apples color and chard stems soften, about 5 minutes. Stir in chard leaves; cook until wilted, about 2 min-

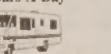
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Tips for couples: Don't stuff the guests

BY JODI KANTOR
LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Choosing a caterer for a wedding is a high-stakes business. Here are a few hints for those interested in discovering alternative to the usual wedding fare.

High questions

Blum, a New York catering planner, points out that when catering companies have more than one chef, so verify that the same one will be cooking both the tasting and the wedding feast. Blum tests: Mia Gross and Adam Gross agreed to serve s'mores with marshmallows. "The caterer that immediately went with said, 'What else?' Baricini said.

A simpatico chef

If you are departing from the usual fare, make sure your caterer is game. Blum cautions against doing a vegetarian wedding with a "chef who is sneering at the idea." Liz Barfield, married in a barn in Rochester, N.Y., tried to get a local outfit to produce a Tuscan feast. "It had been so much easier to go to a tasting and pick the best stuff," she said.

Aware of limitations

Robustly, caterers setting up their kitchen in a meadow have much less flexibility than those working out of a proper kitchen. Avoid anything deep-dish, and will lose most of its appeal in the reheating. Ask if the food is truly put on the table. Blum cautions that caterers often know to use heated-chairs to hangers to apply fake marks.

Not overfed

A lot of seeming cheap offers leads people to offer menus that feel cheap," said New York caterer known as "The tackiest thing to do is have a huge smorgasbord spread three different kinds of meat. If you have 12 hors d'oeuvres your guests will never eat the main course." Susan Baricini, a caterer from Oxon Hill, Md., believes in passing hors d'oeuvres instead of providing "stations"; it gives guests time to mingle, and they'll eat before dinner.

Caterer to blend in

The pet peeve of Holly Safir, a caterer from Hingham, Mass., is the kind of "Cecil B. DeMille production team" that make your party feel like a movie event. Ask your caterer if they wear headphones or carry clipboards in front of

Keep the cuisine local

Safir said that not so long ago wedding guests were mostly neighbors. "Now people are traveling to a wedding from the farthest corner of the globe, and it's a treat to have some regional favorites on the menu," she said. Baricini serves out-of-towners lobster clam chowder, Boston cream pie and Vermont cheddar.

Cooking and eating thin

BY NATALIE HAUGHTON
LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

Kathleen Daelemans shares the following cooking survival tips.

■ To lose weight and stay healthy, you must cook thin.

■ Clean, reorganize and stock your fridge, pantry and freezer with good-for-you items like seasonal fruits and veggies, gourmet vinegars, fresh spices, etc. Purge high-fat items.

■ Make shopping an adventure. Pick up something new each week that you've never tried such as a fruit or vegetable, a new cut of meat, a different variety of fish or a bag of lentils or beans.

■ Focus on making incremental changes and introducing new foods and dishes gradually.

■ Make eating out a reward for cooking in. The only way to truly con-

trol your calorie intake is to prepare most of your own meals.

■ Don't skip breakfast — and don't use the no-time excuse. Grab a banana, nonfat yogurt and fruit, an English muffin sandwich or whip up a fruit smoothie. Eat on the go, if necessary.

■ Keep plenty of healthy snack items — like individual yogurts, cottage cheese, cleaned fruits and vegetables, turkey slices, hard-cooked eggs, healthy leftovers and homemade chocolate pudding made with low-fat or nonfat milk — handy and in plain sight in the fridge.

■ Use any shortcuts possible — like something from a can, bag or box, but don't compromise your waistline — to keep from ordering

out.

■ To avoid a last-minute dash to the store, cook, when necessary, from pantry supplies like pasta, canned tomatoes, capers, olives, tuna and white beans.

■ Read product labels carefully to make the healthiest choices.

■ Use high-impact flavor ingredients — like sea salt, ginger, citrus, vinegar, capers, anchovies, olives, fresh spices and herbs — to make

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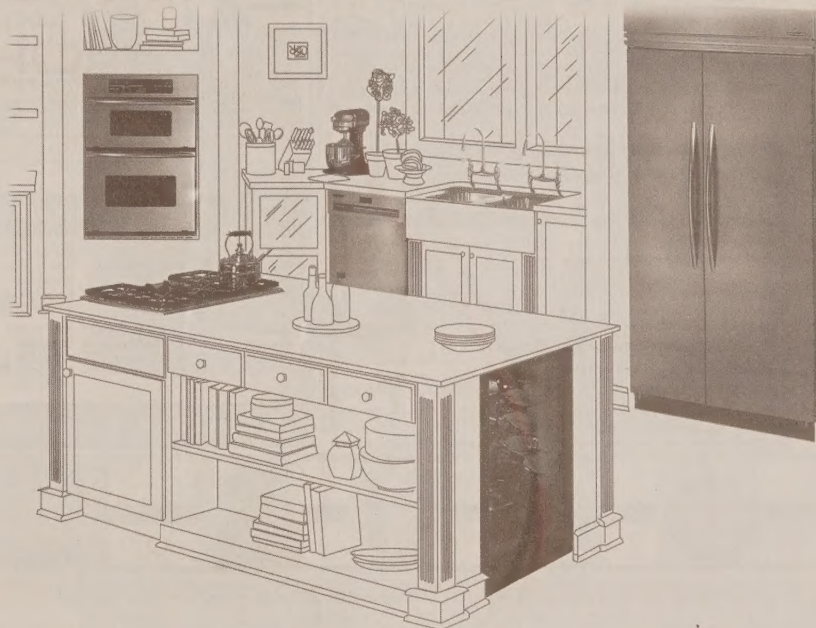
■ Plan to morph meals, by making a double batch at once or recycling items from one meal to another. A salad can become an entree with chicken or fish, for instance. Or extra cooked veggies can go in an entree salad or atop a pizza.

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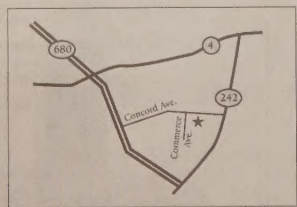
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Rice pudding is a tasty and versatile dessert

BY BONNIE WALKER
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Rice pudding is one of those simple foods that we all tend to have dearly held opinions about. But whatever these opinions are, rice pudding is tasty and versatile.

CREAMY RICE PUDDING WITH SUMMER BERRIES

1 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
8 cups water
2 teaspoons salt
3 cups milk
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 pint small ripe strawberries, stems removed and halved
1/2 pint raspberries, rinsed and sorted
1/2 pint black raspberries, rinsed and sorted
1 cup blueberries, rinsed and sorted
1 cup heavy cream
Combine the rice, 8 cups of water, and salt in a large heavy saucepan, and heat to boiling, stirring frequently so the rice doesn't stick. Simmer the rice, uncovered, until the grains are split and very soft, about 20 minutes. Drain off the water and rinse out the pan so you can use it again.

Combine the cooked rice, milk and 3/4 cup of the sugar in the same pan. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until the mixture is creamy, about 20 minutes. Stir in the vanilla. Cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, combine the strawberries, raspberries, black raspberries and blueberries in a large bowl. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup of sugar, gently fold to blend, and set aside.

At serving time whip the cream until stiff peaks form, then fold into the rice mixture. Using a slotted spoon add 3/4 of the sweetened fruit and gently fold, forming streaks of the fruit throughout the rice mixture. Spoon into stemmed glasses

and garnish each with a spoonful of the reserved sweetened fruit and a spoonful of the sweetened berry juices.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.
Source: "Rice, The Amazing Grain"

AMARETTO RICE PUDDING

Pudding:
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1 1/2 cups skim milk
3 tablespoons sugar
2 cups cooked medium-grain rice
rice
2 cups frozen light whipped topping, thawed
1 tablespoon Amaretto or other almond-flavored liqueur
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
Vegetable cooking spray
Bittersweet Chocolate Sauce (recipe follows)
2 tablespoons sliced almonds, toasted, for garnish
Chocolate shavings, for garnish
Bittersweet chocolate sauce:
3 tablespoons cocoa
3 tablespoons sugar
1/2 cup nonfat buttermilk
1 tablespoon Amaretto or other almond-flavored liqueur

For Pudding: Sprinkle gelatin over milk in small saucepan; let stand 1 minute or until gelatin is softened. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin dis-

solves. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add rice; stir until well-blended. Chill until the consistency of unbeaten egg whites. Fold in whipped topping, liqueur and vanilla. Spoon into 4-cup mold coated with cooking spray. Cover and chill until firm. To serve, unmold onto serving platter. Spoon chocolate sauce over rice pudding. Sprinkle with toasted sliced almonds and shaved chocolate, if desired.

For Bittersweet Chocolate Sauce: Combine cocoa and sugar in small saucepan. Add buttermilk, mixing well. Place over medium heat and cook until sugar dissolves. Stir in liqueur; remove from heat.

Makes 10 servings. Approximate nutritional values per serving: 137 calories, 4 g protein, 4 g fat, 23 g carbohydrate, 34 mg cholesterol, 1 mg sodium.

Source: USA Rice Federation

CREMA DE ARROZ

1 1/2 cups water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup short-grain rice
3 cups whole milk
1 cinnamon stick
1/2 to 3/4 cup sugar
3 egg yolks
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon butter
Ground cinnamon, for dusting
Bring the water and salt to a boil in a 3-quart saucepan and stir in the rice. Cover and steam over low heat for 20 minutes. Stir in the milk, cinnamon stick and sugar. Simmer, uncovered, over medium heat for 25 minutes or until the milk starts to coagulate around the edges and

you have the beginnings of a pudding. Do not walk away — stir it frequently. The liquidy mixture will suddenly look creamier. Beat the egg yolks in a small bowl and drizzle in

a few tablespoons of hot rice cream. Stir back into the rice pudding, keeping on low heat for just 2 or 3 minutes.

Remove from the heat and add

the vanilla and butter and ground cinnamon. The rice thickens more after sitting. Makes 6 servings.
Source: "Ranchero Cook"

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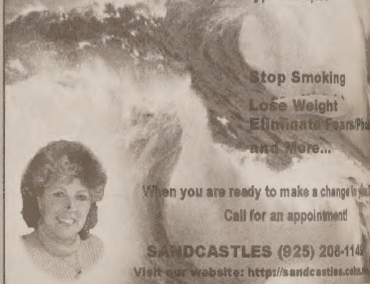
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